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LATEST INTELLIGENCE

By Telegraph to the New-York Daily Times.

FROM WASHINGTON.

New Movement by the Administration Members.

Banks' Prospects Better than Ever.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Daily Times.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Jan. 21.

A plan has been set on foot by several of the leading Administration members to form a coalition with the Know-Nothings. It is proposed to be done in this manner: BRODERICK is to retire, the boasted Democratic Platform is to be pulled down, and ORR, or some one of that stripe, is to be put forward—the Know-Nothings to vote for him.

This would delight the Anti-Nebraska men, as such a coalition would damage the Democratic party much more than the loss of the Speaker. I am sorry that I do not believe it will work.

The Anti-Nebraska men are never in finer spirits than to-day. Mr. PENNINGTON has declined, and goes in heartily with his friends for BANKS.

The resolution to-day to make BILLY SMITH Speaker, caught the Nebraska-men. If they had all voted for it, they would have organized the House. He is one of their party—why did they refuse? S.

Another Snow Storm—Deranged Mails—The Speakership—Backbone in the Ascendant—The Responsibility of Mr. Crampton, &c.

Special Correspondence of the N. Y. Daily Times.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Jan. 20, 1856.

Yesterday I missed the mail, and to-day we are in the midst of another snow storm, and probably at the beginning of another railroad blockade, by snow-drifts, which may pile up the mails on the roadside somewhere, and derange our easily disarranged postal system for a week to come. Nevertheless, I will start my letters, and let them take their chance.

DERANGED MAILS.

By the way, here is an opportunity for the Postmaster-General to distinguish himself. Heretofore it had come to be understood that it is not half so easy to connect the mails by through trains as it is to connect the baggage of passengers. Indeed the mails, during the time of snow-drifts, are frequently left a whole day behind, when the baggage gets through. Couldn't Mr. CAMPBELL and his special agents manage to "make a precedent," and show that there is nothing unconstitutional in getting mail-bags along just as rapidly as passengers and their luggage can travel? The fault must be either in Philadelphia or Baltimore, with those who are employed to transport the mails from one railroad terminus to another.

THE SPEAKERSHIP PROGRESS.

There is nothing new in regard to the Speakership. The Anti-Nebraska men have settled down into calm indifference about the delay. They know that in no way can they promote organization more surely than by adhering to Mr. BANKS, and if they can't organize the House by that means, it is out of their power to help it—that they have put the one duty to perform, and that is, vote for BANKS just as often as the Pro-Slavery men will lay aside "humbug" for half an hour and take a ballot. The Administration has the responsibility of carrying on the Government, but not party strength enough to organize the House itself, but chooses, dog in the manger like, not to let the strongest party in the House—the Anti-Nebraska men—elect their candidate. This they can do whenever they choose, by sliding in the adoption of the plurality, just as the Republicans did in your State Legislature. And there is no reason why they should not permit the adoption of the plurality, for they do not profess to be opposed to it on principle. On the contrary they tell us they will vote for the plurality if we will drop Mr. BANKS and take up any other man.

WHY THE DEMOCRATS CHOOSE BANKS.

I confess I am not at all certain that they would keep a promise made upon such shallow basis. But even if some of them and our friends could unite their votes on any other man, it would be disgrace to attempt it,—for there is no objection to Mr. BANKS on principle that would not apply equally to any other man who could be supported by the Anti-Nebraska men. The war is made against Mr. BANKS simply because the Anti-Nebraska forces have made such a determined stand upon him, and because the Nebraskas know that he would make a most able and reliable presiding officer,—one whom they could not override by parliamentary tactics, confuse or dismay by brow-beating, or betray by cajolery. If they could break our friends away from him, they would feel also that they had robbed us of part of our victory, because we took it on their own terms; and, besides, they would hope that the Anti-Nebraska men, once disorganized, might be compelled at last, in order to concentrate their vote again, to unite on a man with negative qualities, who would be a "straw" Speaker, and so pretty much at the mercy of our opponents. When asked to tell us why they insist upon the desertion of Mr. BANKS, they answer nothing, or else pretend to believe he is in favor of practical amalgamation, or offer some other equally silly and transparent excuse for their course.

BACKBONE IN THE ASCENDANT.

Our friends all understand the game of the Opposition, and don't intend to play into their hands. They have everything to gain by firmness, and nothing to gain by any other course—because they know perfectly well, what some of our truthers have exposed to the opposition, that the Anti-Nebraska men cannot unite so large a vote upon any other candidate. Depend upon it, that this is so,—and be assured, all of you, that there is nothing to be done but stand fast. I should think the Administration would have found this out before now. The Anti-Nebraska caucus of last Friday was called for mischief, in the hope that it would break up the Banks column; but it turned out the most thorough and encouraging meeting that has been held by our friends. Many speeches were made, all in good temper, and some of them exceedingly eloquent. Among the speakers was Mr. CAMPBELL of Pennsylvania, whose speech is described as a perfect gem of eloquence and power. All the circumstances of the occasion, were significant, and I don't think the mischief-makers will want another caucus to further their plans. When they do, I promise each and all of them a "first-rate notice."

A GAMBLING REWARD.

I perceive that a shockingly garbled report of the debate which occurred in the House on the 16th inst., between Mr. SAGE, of New-York, and Mr. DUNN, of Indiana, is published by the Union, and copied in a New-York journal, which introduces it by styling the former gentleman "a representative of the Seward interest." This will be news to Mr. SAGE's constituents, who remember that he declined to recognise the Republican movement in New-York last Fall. But, I alluded to the affair for the purpose of inquiring who garbled the report, and left out all the essential points of Mr. SAGE's remarks tending to show Mr. DUNN's tortuous course in regard to sustaining a caucus nominee for the Speakership. Was it the reporter? If so, he is shockingly inefficient. I fear that the fault lays elsewhere,—and that somebody has been taking the liberty of "revising" another man's speech;—who was it?

CRAMPTON'S RESPONSIBILITY TO THE UNITED STATES.

The TIMES article of yesterday on "Our Relations with England," has been read here with interest as a clear, calm and common—sense view of the subject, and discriminating estimate of its probable future. There is one point, however, in which it differs from the general understanding here, and upon which I desire to present a suggestion or two. I refer to the assumption that Mr. CRAMPTON is personally relieved from responsibility for his connection with the illicit recruiting scheme, because his Government declares that he acted under instructions. Mr. CRAMPTON's conduct was a violation of our neutrality laws on his part; that fixes his crime as between himself and the United States Government. The instructions issued to him by his Government give him not another character as between the two Governments, and constitute it the act of Great Britain, and a violating our sovereignty. Now, I submit that even full and ample atonement by Great Britain for the violation of our sovereignty, would not release Mr. CRAMPTON from the penalty of his crime, say more than a man is relieved of responsibility and punishment for the commission of murder because employed to commit it by somebody else; who shares the responsibility, and bows his own neck to the halter. Even a negro slave who commits a crime by order of his master is not exculpated by law.

HE CHOOSE TO YIELD TO INTERPRETATION.

It is a mistake to suppose Mr. CRAMPTON was compelled to follow his instructions, and violate our municipal law. He is merely an agent of the British Government, and if "instructions" can cover his crime and shield him from its penalty, "instructions" ought equally to shield a thousand agents whom England might send here to recruit men, assuring them that she would assume the responsibility. The only difference between these "agents" and Mr. CRAMPTON is, that the latter cannot be punished by the Courts, but only by dismissal from the diplomatic position near our Government which he has abused. I have said he was not compelled to violate our laws. He could have declined to obey his instructions and have thrown up his commission. That would have been honorable,—but he chose, rather than make this sacrifice, to take the risk, and he cannot escape the penalty. His dismissal, therefore, does not involve a suspension of diplomatic relations, and can in no degree depend upon the withdrawal of Mr. BUCHANAN from London.

THE CLAYTON-BULWER TREATY.

Mr. CASS is still confined to his room by an attack of neuralgia. As soon as he is able to resume his seat in the Senate, we shall have another debate on the Clayton-Bulwer Treaty. This treaty, I believe, contains no provision for its termination, but is perpetual; which fact seriously complicates the difficulty of settling the controversy growing out of it. S.

XXXIVth CONGRESS.—First Session.

SENATE....WASHINGTON, Monday, Jan. 21.

Petitions were presented from retired and dismissed officers of the Navy, complaining of the action of the Naval Board.

Mr. BELL of Tenn., while approving generally of the action of the Board, thought Lieut. MAURY's eminent services should have exempted him from a sentence which he considers a mark of degradation.

Mr. MALLORY said Lieutenant MAURY had been assigned a position on shore at his own request.

Mr. BELL argued that Lieutenant MAURY served nearly ten years at sea, and was entitled to consideration accordingly.

Several gentlemen discussed the question of remedying any mistakes the Navy Board may have committed.

Adjourned to Thursday.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Jan. 21.

Mr. BOYCE made an ineffectual motion to rescind the resolution prohibiting debate, except by unanimous consent, for one week, unless a Speaker be sooner elected.

Mr. FAULKNER offered a resolution, that if no Speaker be elected by Monday next, members resign, and an adjournment ensue till the 2d Monday in May.

The resolution was laid on the table by 96 majority.

Mr. SWEET then submitted a resolution, that the supporters of Mr. BANKS select one candidate from among the supporters of Mr. RICHARDSON and one from those of Mr. FULLER; that those voting for Mr. RICHARDSON select one of Mr. BANKS' friends and one Mr. FULLER's; and that the voters for Mr. FULLER choose one from among the friends of Mr. RICHARDSON, and one from those of Mr. BANKS—the members so selected to be considered the only candidates in nomination; and that the lowest on each trial be dropped until an election be effected.

The resolution was tabled, and the House proceeded to take the

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEENTH BALLOT:

Banks.....80 Richardson.....6
Fuller.....21 Pennington.....2
L. D. Campbell, 5; Messrs. Porter, Haven and Shorter, each 1. Necessary for a choice, 103.

Mr. ROSS offered a resolution declaring all the seats of the House that Messrs. BANKS, RICHARDSON, FULLER and PENNINGTON, by withdrawing their names as candidates, would remove obstacles to an organization.

Mr. FULLER said he desired to remove one obstacle by withdrawing. [Cries of "No, No!"]

Mr. PENNINGTON remarked, that this was the first intimation he had received that he stood in the way of an organization—but he did not longer wish to occupy that position.

Mr. ROSS withdrew the resolution.

Mr. WHITING submitted a resolution for the election of a Sergeant-at-Arms, leaving a blank to be filled with the name of a person whom a majority might select.

Tabled—by 140 against 44.

Mr. GARLAND offered a resolution declaring WILLIAM SMITH, of Virginia, Speaker of the House.

Rejected—41 against 131.

The following are the names of those voting in the affirmative:

Messrs. Bowie, Boyce, Brown, Campbell of Ky., Carlile, Cobb of Ala., Cox, Cullen, Dowdell, Edmundson, Evans, Faulkner, Foster, Fuller of Penn., Harris of Md., Herbert, Hoffman, Kennett, Lake, Lindley, Humphrey Marshall, A. K. Marshall, McMullen, McQueen, Millson, Paine, Quitman, Reade, Ready, Richardson, Rust, Savage, Smith of Ala., Stewart, Swope, Talbott, Taylor, Tripp, Underwood, Valk, Walker, Warner, Watkins, Whitney, Wright of Tenn., and Zollicoffer.

Adjourned.

The Alliance between Spain, Great Britain and France.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Jan. 21.

It has been ascertained from an authentic source, that the long talked-of Alliance between Spain, Great Britain and France, has been formally consummated—the first binding herself to send into the field ten to twenty thousand men in the Spring, while her interests, particularly in Cuba, are to be protected by France and England.

United States Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Jan. 21.

JOHN M. PARKER and JOHN VAN ALLEN, of New-York, were admitted.

No. 55—The United States vs. Minnesota and the North-western Railway.—Argument on motion to dismiss the cause concluded by the Attorney-General for dismissal.

No. 155.—Motion to dismiss the cause. Argued by Mr. DAY in favor, and by Mr. JOHNSON in opposition.

Important from Honduras—Cabane Returning at the Head of American and Native Troops.

BOSTON, Monday, Jan. 21.

The brig *Helen Jane*, from Truxillo, Honduras, arrived at this port to-day. She brings accounts from Honduras, that CABANE, the former President, who was driven out by Gen. GUARDIOLA, and who sometime since joined Col. WALKER, in Nicaragua, was reported to be on the frontiers of Honduras, at the head of four hundred Americans and one thousand native troops, with the purpose of reconquering the country. He will probably succeed, Gen. GUARDIOLA refusing to fight with the Yankees, as they are, in his opinion, irresistible. He declares that he will leave the State of Honduras, should the Americans enter. The Captain of the *Helen Jane* reports that the leading native inhabitants of Omoa and Truxillo are not opposed to WALKER's taking the lead of their affairs if he respects their property and positions.

Executive Appointments in Maine.

PORTLAND, Me., Monday, Jan. 21.

In the Supreme Court, this morning, Judge DAVIS decided that the recent appointment of a new Sheriff for this County by Gov. WELLS, who had removed the old one, was illegal under the resolve amending the Constitution of the State, giving to the people the power to choose Sheriff, Judges and Registers of Probate. The case came before the Court on the attempt of the newly appointed Sheriff to take charge of the Court. The Judge decided that the old Sheriff was legally in office. A similar decision has been given by Chief Justice TENNEY, in Somerset County, as it relates to Registers of Probate. These decisions, if sustained by the full bench, render negative all the recent appointments of Sheriffs and Registers of Probate made by Gov. WELLS, in the places of persons removed by him from those offices. The case goes to the full bench.

State Treasurer of Pennsylvania.

HARRISBURG, Monday, Jan. 21.

HENRY S. MAGRAW, Democrat, was to-day elected State Treasurer.

The Southern Mail.

BALTIMORE, Monday, Jan. 21.

We have received no mail south of Washington to-day.

FROM ALBANY.

Appointments by the Canal Board—The Assembly Committees.

ALBANY, Monday, Jan. 21.

The Canal Board was in session this evening, on the appointments to be made. Those settled upon are as follows: BENJAMIN THOMPSON, Collector at Buffalo; Dr. HYDE, Collector at Tonawanda; ANDREW J. PARSON, Superintendent Seventh Section Erie Canal; THOMAS FORNES, Superintendent Twelfth Section; EZ. HUBBELL, Superintendent Thirteenth Section.

The Speaker of the Assembly gives the Committee of Ways and Means to the Americans, LYMAN COBB being the Chairman, and Messrs. DENNISTOUN and GUEST the other members.

The following are some of the principal Committees settled on by the Speaker:

Ways and Means—Odell, (Am.) Scott, (Dem.) Pendergast, (Rep.) Dennistoun, (Am.) and Guest, (Am.)

Banks—Gardner, (Dem.) Yelland, (Rep.) Miller, (Dem.) Lederer, (Whig.) and Jenkins, (Am.)

Commerce—Scott, (Dem.) Gage, Woods, (Dem.) Read, Bury.

Railroads—Wade, (Dem.) R. Smith, (Rep.) Wilkes, (Dem.) J. B. Clark, (Dem.) Northup, (Am.)

Judiciary—Foot, (Dem.) Tammany, (Dem.) Wakeman, (Rep.) Holmes, (Dem.) Prescott, (Am.) Anthon, (Dem.) Hakes, (Am.)

Canals—Cole, (Rep.) Goodrich, (Dem.) Van Ivecor, (Rep.) Thomas, (Dem.)

Claims—Snow, (Rep.) Chairman.

NEW-YORK LEGISLATURE.

SENATE....ALBANY, Monday, Jan. 21.

The Senate met this evening, but for want of a quorum adjourned.

ASSEMBLY....ALBANY, Monday, Jan. 21.

The Assembly convened and the roll was called, but less than a quorum being present, an adjournment was carried till to-morrow.

Naval Court-Martial for the Trial of Commander Ritchie.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Jan. 21.

The Naval Court-Martial effected an organization to-day, and proceeded with the trial of Commander RITCHIE, who pleaded not guilty. Mr. EDMUNDS, the Chief Clerk in the Navy Department, testified, giving an account of the transaction as detailed by Mr. RITCHIE, who boasted, in presence of witnesses, of having used the words liar, scoundrel and coward.

The examination for the Prosecution was not completed when the Court adjourned.

The charge and specification preferred against the accused are as follows:

CHARGE AND SPECIFICATION OF A CHARGE PREFERRED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY AGAINST ROBERT RITCHIE, A COMMANDER IN THE NAVY OF THE UNITED STATES.

CHARGE—Scandalous conduct, tending to the destruction of good morals.

SPECIFICATION—In this that at divers times between the 1st and 15th day of December, in the year 1855, in the city of Washington, D. C., the said Com. ROBERT RITCHIE, publicly asserted that he had on an occasion, then present, in a conversation held by him with Captain SAMUEL F. DUPONT, of the Navy, applied to the said DUPONT the epithets liar, scoundrel and coward, or used to him insulting language of similar import; the pretext for the said insulting language being the action in the case of said RITCHIE, of a Naval Board of officers, assembled under the authority of the Act of Congress, approved Feb. 28, 1855, entitled "an Act to promote the efficiency of the Navy," of which Board the said DUPONT was a member; the said assertions and language of the said RITCHIE tending to bring on a quarrel or duel between him and the said DUPONT, and tending also to impair the efficiency and independence of tribunals such as the said Board, constituted by law for public purposes, and to deter members of such Boards from the conscientious discharge of their duties. (Signed,)

C. C. DUBOIS, Secretary of the Navy.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, Jan. 19, 1856.

From the Plains—Another Expedition by Colonel Harney.

ST. LOUIS, Tuesday, Jan. 21.

The *Democrat* received an express this evening, conveying intelligence from Fort Pierre for Dec. 15. The troops were comfortably quartered. Major HOWES' command which was sent to "Leon de Court" had not been heard from. General HARNEY was fitting out an expedition of 100 men to make an excursion up the Missouri. The SIOUX Indians were to hold a grand council at Fort Pierre in February, in order to settle a basis for peace. Much snow had fallen, and the weather was very severe.

Fire at Syracuse.

SYRACUSE, Monday, Jan. 21.

The building at the corner of Water and Clinton streets, in this city, known as the Conical Mills, owned and occupied by Messrs. FORBUSH, SHEPP & HICKS as a flouring establishment, was destroyed by fire at 2 o'clock yesterday morning. The flames communicated to the adjoining building, which was slightly injured. The total loss is about $30,000—insured for about $16,000, a portion of which is in companies as follows:

Western, Mass.	$1,000	Bridgeport	$3,000
Phœnix, of Hartford	3,000	Lafarge	2,000
City of Hartford	2,000	Market	4,000

The books and papers of Messrs. FORBUSH, SHEPP & HICKS were destroyed.

The Prohibitory Liquor Law in New-Brunswick.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Monday, Jan. 21.

At a meeting of fifteen hundred inhabitants of Fredericktown on the 19th inst., the Mayor presiding, resolutions condemnatory of the Prohibitory Liquor Law were carried by a vote of five to one. Speeches were made on both sides. The proceedings were harmonious, and conducted with much good feeling, closing with three cheers for the Queen.

The Troubles in Kansas.

ST. LOUIS, Monday, Jan. 21.

A dispatch from Weston says: "The reported battle in Kansas was greatly exaggerated. Nothing serious occurred. No one was killed, and but few slightly wounded."

Fire in Cambridgeport, Mass.

BOSTON, Monday, Jan. 21.

A fire broke out in Cambridgeport this forenoon, and destroyed the large building on Main-street, occupied by JAMES G. BLAKE as a furniture manufactory. Mr. BLAKE's loss is about $10,000, mostly insured in Philadelphia and Baltimore.

The Weather South.

RICHMOND, Va., Monday, Jan. 21—P. M.

Snow has fallen here to-day to the depth of six inches, and the storm still continues.

A dispatch from Petersburg makes the same report. No train has arrived here to-day from the North.

INSANITY FROM HOME SICKNESS.—A German was taken into custody on Saturday, who had been indulging a queer freak of insanity. He purchased a *dory* for $4 50, which he had fitted out in a peculiar manner with oars and sails, and provisions sufficient for a fortnight's subsistence. It was his intention to put to sea in a day or two in this boat, hoping, as he expressed himself to Dr. SUTTON, who was called to examine him, to reach Europe in twenty-two days. On the Doctor's asking him how he should supply himself with food when what he now had was consumed, he said he had a little money to buy more. *Home sickness* is said to have induced his insanity.—*Boston Bee.*

WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH.—A woman named MILLS, who resided in the vicinity of No. 140 Essex-street, was burned to death Friday evening, while she was lying upon a bed intoxicated, as is supposed. A coal from the stove, it was thought, communicated with some matches near the bed, setting it on fire, and burning her with it. She was found by the neighbors, who were attracted by the fire, but was quite dead when found.—*Boston Times.*

DECEASE OF TWO VETERANS.—The Winchester (Va.) Republican records the deaths of ISAAC HOOPER and HENRY MASER, two old citizens, and adds that Mr. HOOPER was in the battle of Chippewa, besides other of the frontier struggles, under the gallant Scott, Gen. SCOTT, when passing through Winchester, some three years ago, on a tour of inspection, was an affecting interview between them. Mr. MASER was a drum-major in the Norfolk campaign.

NEW-YORK CITY.

Twenty-seventh Annual Ball of the New-York Fire Department.

The Twenty-seventh Annual Ball of the New-York Fire Department, in aid of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, came off last night, at the Academy of Music, and a brilliant affair it was. The Academy was decorated with wreaths of roses entwined along the tiers of seats, and the stage was hung with white embroidered satin. At the rear of the stage there was a large illuminated circle, in the centre of which was the fireman's arms, and beneath it two carriages—one of Hose Company No. 36, and the other Hose Company No. —. Besides these ornamentations were engine pipes of various sizes arranged with good effect; and otherwise the house was appropriately and elegantly fitted for the occasion. The parquet was covered, and, with that of the stage, formed a floor from the rear to the entrance. On it, and in the boxes and circles, more than three thousand persons were assembled, forming the largest and decidedly the finest gathering the firemen have had at their annuals. The dancing continued without interruption from 10 o'clock until near daylight, and even then, all who desired to dance had not had a comfortable opportunity. Supper was served from 12 until 4 o'clock, as parties desired, and so far as was known, all were satisfied. The result of the ball must be gratifying to those who are interested in the fund, in aid of which it was gotten up.

Meeting of the Trustees of the Consumption Hospital.

The Trustees of the Consumption Hospital were convened last evening at Clinton Hall. In the absence of the President, Dr. JOHN H. GRISCOM presided.

An appeal to the public in behalf of the Hospital was presented in a printed form for consideration and adoption, and was referred to a Committee, with instructions to amend it in certain particulars. The draft of a report to the Legislature was also read, stating the present condition and prospects of the institution, and stating that, in obedience to the requirements of the charter, the Board were now busily engaged in collecting statistics having reference to the prevalence and fatality of consumption and its kindred diseases in this City and throughout the State. The report concludes with a petition to the Legislature in favor of an appropriation of $50,000, conditioned that an equal amount should be raised by private subscription. This report was accepted and referred to a Committee for revision and completion previous to being forwarded to the Legislature.

Some statistical details were referred to, from which it appeared that the highest number of deaths from cholera in New-York in 1854, were 2,419, which produced great alarm and involved a corresponding expense, and during the same year the deaths from consumption alone were 3,950. In 1855 the deaths from cholera were only 85, while the deaths from consumption were 3,514, only slightly differing from the previous year, while the deaths from all diseases of the lungs and throat (including consumption,) were no fewer than 5,998.

The Greek Church and Eastern Politics.

On Monday evening Dr. J. O. NOYES delivered an interesting lecture at Clinton Hall, before the Young Men's Christian Association, on the Greek Church, in its relations to Catholicism, Mohammedanism and the politics of the Eastern World.

He commenced by remarking that the proper discussion of so vast a subject demanded an intimate acquaintance with the Christian and Moslem systems of theology. Profound polemical statements were interdicted for want of time. The Doctor gave, however, a lucid sketch of the distinctions in question, and of the "intense fate" spirit of Mahometan fatalism which had persisted the Ottoman Empire. He thought there was more of human liberty in the Greek Church than in the Latin. The Hungarians would have been the political regenerators of Turkey, could they have been permitted to develop their free institutions. Shame that the powers of Europe consented to the sacrifice. Nevertheless, good had been indirectly effected. Magyar refugees had carried Protestantism into the interior of European Turkey.

A symposium upon American Missions in that country formed the appropriate close of the Doctor's address.

Evening School Items.

No Ward has so large an attendance upon its evening schools as the Eleventh. In the boys' department last week it averaged 480; in the girls' 400.

In the Sixth Ward the average evening attendance is 196. The improved furniture of the house has operated to draw in more than before attended.

The school house in City Hall-place will be in a state of improvement next Summer. The intention is to make it as good as No. 24, now a crack house.

The Fourth Ward School, in James-street, is largely attended this term. The opening of the Bowery will necessitate the removal of the present school edifice, and the erection of a new first-class building, with all of the modern improvements.

Abuse of Children.

Why don't the Police arrest the women who carry young children into the street, and keep the poor things freezing in their arms by the hour, to excite sympathy and make their begging a better business? It is disgraceful to the City and the age, that infants should be so inhumanly treated. What *Policeman will win the thanks of gentle charity,* if not a medal from the Mayor—paid for out of the City funds—by taking care of all such that he finds in his beat? Arrest the mothers and relieve their suffering babes.

Ventilating Railroad Cars.

The Erie Railroad Company has introduced a ventilating car which has a great many improvements. One of the simplest of its contrivances is a small window, opening upon hinges, set into the larger windows of the car, affording a chance for each passenger to ventilate his own part of the car, without disturbing anybody else. This improvement, we take it, is attended by small expense, and may be adapted to all ordinary car-windows with very little trouble. The plan of heating the cars by a current of warm air, supplied by a furnace beneath the floor, is also somewhat new, and seems to perform well.

☞ The Board of Supervisors seems to have a hard time still. There is no prospect that the Mayor will abate his dogginess, or that the minority will gratify him by succumbing. We don't know how the quarrel is to end. Perhaps there will be no Board at all till Mr. WOOD goes out.

Death from Inhalation of Chloroform in Edinburg.

The following case is reported in the Edinburg *Medical Journal.* A lady, aged 36 years, called on Dr. W. A. ROBERTS, in order to have some teeth extracted. As she had inhaled chloroform once, during an accouchement, and as Dr. R. had also administered it to her on four previous occasions during the past year, he consented to employ it. She had only taken about nine or ten inspirations, when, in less than a minute from the time she began to inhale, and while speaking, she gave a convulsive start, and, with a stertorous inspiration, and the eyes and mouth wide open, sunk to the floor. Dr. SIMPSON, being near at hand, was sent for, and arrived in less than five minutes, with Dr. PATERSON. The means employed for relief were artificial respiration, galvanism and bleeding, though only a few ounces of blood could be obtained. After artificial respiration had been carried on for some time, spontaneous inspirations took place, the pulse became distinct, and the lividity of the face in a great measure disappeared. But these favorable indications ultimately declined, and after one hour and a quarter of the most energetic exertions (especially on the part of Dr. SIMPSON,) the case was reluctantly abandoned as hopeless, life being manifestly extinct.

At the post-mortem examination the chief morbid appearances were found in the heart. This organ was very small, the right side flaccid and full of blood, the left firm and contracted. The walls of the right side were unusually thin, and their tissue was soft and lacerable. Under the microscope the muscular fibres of the right ventricle were much altered in appearance; the transverse striæ were indistinct, or had entirely disappeared in some portions, while fatty granules were everywhere observable, arranged in lines along the direction of the fibres.

The father of the patient had died of disease of the heart, being found dead in his chair.

ONE DAY LATER FROM EUROPE.

ARRIVAL OF THE WASHINGTON.

A Collision in the Straits of Dover the Cause of her Detention.

Departure of the Baltic from Southampton.

The Austrian Peace Proposition and Count Esterhazy's Mission.

EFFECT OF THE WAR ON BRITISH TRADE.

OUR RELATIONS WITH ENGLAND.

Consols—87 to 87 1-8 ex-div.

The United States Mail steamship *Washington*, Capt. CAVERLY, has arrived, with the English, French and English books, and about [illegible] passengers, and brings dates from Southampton to the 9th inst.

The departure of the *Washington* was delayed four days from the following causes: On the 17th ult. she arrived off Cowes on route to Bremerhaven and having transhipped her mails and passengers for England, proceeded on her voyage, arriving at Bremerhaven on the 21st. The Captain was informed by two Pilots, who came on board, that the river Weser was frozen up, and therefore it would not be safe for him to proceed with his ship. A steamtug was also sent alongside the ship from the Agents of the Company with another Pilot on board, but in consequence of the danger, owing to the ice, he refused to take charge of the ship. The mails, passengers, baggage, &c., were transferred to the tug the *Washington* weighed anchor and proceeded on her return voyage to Southampton. On the 22d ult. at 10 A. M., she passed a light-ship which was supposed, by the pilot in charge of the steamer, to be the *Galloper*. The weather being very thick and hazy the mistake was not discovered until about 12½ o'clock, when the vessel was found on the Long Sands. Here the *Washington* remained for about 7½ hours, and then floated off nearly clear without any apparent damage to the ship, beyond the loss of a new hawser and stormy gear necessary to save the ship from the imminent peril in which she was placed. About two hours after she floated, it commenced blowing a heavy gale of wind from the westward, and had not the united exertions of the commander, officers and crew of the *Washington* succeeded in removing the ship previous to the commencement of the gale, there is every probability that she would have become a total wreck. At 7 A. M., on the 23d, they reached the Straits of Dover with the necessary *signal lights burning*, the weather being thick, and a gale of wind blowing from the W. S. W. In steering through the Straits a sailing vessel without any lights was observed on the port bow of the *Washington*, and the pilot supposing the sail to be running before the wind ordered the helmsman of the steamship to port the helm a-port, which was immediately done. It was then discovered that the sailing ship was on the port tack, standing towards the English coast, and it being then too late to shift the helm to avoid a collision, the ship drifted alongside which broke her topsail sheet, and the two vessels came in collision side to side. A rope fastened for the purpose drove her with much force against the port bow of the *Washington*, breaking the wheel of the framework in, and doing considerable damage to the after part. Having cleared the wreck the *Washington* proceeded on her voyage and reached the Southampton Docks on the morning of the 6th inst.

Some delay was occasioned to the *Washington* in the repairing of the damage done, owing to the bad state of the weather and the usual suspension of labor at the Christmas and New-Year seasons, but through the courtesy of the Postmaster-General, who caused a special mail to be made up for her conveyance, the *Washington* was allowed the time necessary under the circumstances.

Great praise is due to Capt. CAVERLY for his undivided attention to his vessel during his stay at Southampton. To him with the assistance of his officers may solely be attributed the happy completion of the repairs, and consequently the more speedy departure of the vessel from Southampton for New-York. Every attention was also paid by the American agents, Messrs. CROSBY & CO., and with the commander were constantly to be seen in attendance upon the *Washington*, superintending and urging on the workmen employed. It is due to all on board the *Washington* to speak aloud to the fortunate circumstance of floating the vessel from the long sand, and thereby enabling saving the ship.

This is the first casualty which has occurred to either of the New-York and Bremen ships, and in this instance owing to the very thick weather and tremendous winds the owner must be entirely exonerated in the result of accident to the steamship off the light ship. The well known and able services of Capt. SIEM, the North Sea pilot who has always the charge of the *Washington* and *Hermann* from Cowes to Bremen, having extended over a period of eight years without the least misfortune, is a sufficient guarantee that the grounding of the *Washington* was a result which could not under all the circumstances have been foreseen or prevented.

The new screw steamship *Belgian* sailed from Southampton on the 6th inst. The vessel belongs to the Royal Mail, Belgian and Transatlantic Steam Navigation, at Antwerp, and is the pioneer of a line of steamers between that port and New-York and Southampton. The *Belgian* is a fine looking ship of about 1,800 tons, and is fitted with engines of 500 horse power. She was built at Amsterdam by M. VAN VISSENGEN, and is fitted for first, second and third-class passengers. Although her lines are not of the latest invention, yet her appearance is somewhat pleasing. The internal arrangements, as a mail steamer, are, however, peculiar, and bear no comparison with the elegant and commodious accommodations furnished on board the regular steamship running between New-York and England. Her first-class apartments are few, but in the fore part of the ship arrangements are made to carry some 500 steerage passengers. This part consists entirely of sleeping berths, arranged in the order generally observed in emigration vessels, and in which Dutch, Swiss, Belgian, German, and, if they choose, English and Irish, can, may be, "accommodated." The *Belgian* was to sail from Southampton on the 14th inst., that being the day on which she arrived at that port, and her boilers being in a great state of disarrangement, it was necessary to detain the vessel to effect necessary repairs. By the adoption of prompt exertion only was she enabled to leave on the day named. This vessel is to be followed by other ships of a similar class, some of which are in the process of building. The *Belgian* brings from Southampton about twenty passengers and forty tons of cargo.

The *Carlo Marone*, of Providence, Capt. ANTHONY, [illegible]

EUROPE.

FRENCH AFFAIRS.

Success of Napoleonism—Paris Gossip, &c.

Special Correspondence of the N. Y. Daily Times.

PARIS, Wednesday, Dec. 26, 1855.

A PATRIOTIC OR LOUIS NAPOLEON.

The Bourgeoisie of Paris used to say, returning from the guinguettes, "Je ne le connais guère encore, lui," by which they meant they had seen the King, who was nothing but a great builder. To-day the same Bourgeoisie say, under like circumstances, "Je le connais de jour," "I have seen the man of the times." LOUIS PHILIPPE was a mason-King, a great builder even; but he was only a feudalizer, large compared to "the man of the times," LOUIS NAPOLEON. The great foot-print which LOUIS PHILIPPE has left on the map of Paris is its fortifications; but long after these shall have crumbled away and been built over, the New Louvre, and the Rue de Rivoli, and the great new Boulevards, for the embellishment and salubrity of the city, will stand as monuments to mark LOUIS NAPOLEON as the chief of monarch builders. But "the man of the times" is something more than a great builder; he not only builds great monuments of architectural art, opens up new and magnificent streets and squares, invents gun-boats, and plans artillery for the Crimea, but he inaugurates new systems of public charity, and discovers new methods of stopping hungry mouths, and of filling them as well with bread as with cheers for their benefactor.

Thus, within a few days, public furnaces have been established all over Paris, at which the following articles of diet are served to the poor at the prices annexed: A demi-litre, nearly a pint of beef soup, at one sou or cent; one hundred grammes, between three and four ounces, of cooked meat at one sou and ten thinds; half a litre of cooked vegetables, at one sou; half a litre of rice soup, at one sou; child's portion, half the preceding. The establishment of these furnaces does not interfere with the regular distribution which takes place gratis at the houses of the most needy. In this manner, and at an insignificant expense to the State, starvation, hunger even, is kept from the door. NAPOLEON is emphatically, "the man of the times," ready for every emergency.

THE NEW LOUVRE.

The scaffolding has now been removed from the new Louvre, and although there are critics who condemn the authorship of the style which predominates, every one is struck with the beauty and the grandeur of the general effect. The interior courts, the last part of this great national palace uncovered, make a more general opposition than the exterior. Thus has this great work, commenced but a little over three years ago, been brought to a termination, and France can now boast of a palace without rival, and without fear of a rival for perhaps centuries to come.

STATUE OF MARSHAL NEY.

The new statue of FRANCIS I. just finished by M. CLESINGER, for the court of the Louvre paper, has been placed upon its pedestal for criticism. It is the largest equestrian statue yet erected in Paris, and is condemned as too large, and as too striking in its movement for the cold and quiet style of the court in which it is placed. It is generally recognized, however, as a complete success as a great work of art. The statue, which is in bronze, represents the victor of Marignan clothed in an armor of steel; his right arm is extended in sign of command, whilst with the left he holds the reins of his bridle. The horse is represented prancing, with one fore foot raised from the ground. Large crowds collect daily to see this great work of art.

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These of your readers who have visited Paris know that, during the holidays of Christmas and New-Year's, a large number of temporary booths are erected along the principal thoroughfares of the city for the sale of sheep-gifts. The number of these booths erected each year is about five thousand, the greatest proportion being on the Boulevards, between the Bastille and the Madeleine. But it happens that this is precisely the route which the grand procession of new Saturday is to take, and just as the small merchants had secured their places and were about to commence the erection of their bazaars, an order from M. Piétri, Prefect of Police, was published, which prohibits any bazaars being erected till after the passage of the procession on Saturday. Now, this is exactly the period when these small merchants realize the greatest sales—that is, from two days preceding Christmas up to New-Year's day; and notwithstanding the Prefect allows them to stay till 4 P.M. the 14th January, as a compensation for time lost during the holiday week, it is but too evident that the annual fair will be annulled, and the poor people who had made large calculations upon it will really suffer seriously.

When this order of the Prefect was published there was great commotion among the *bazaquers*. Assemblages from former of different points on the Boulevards and the Bastille might have experienced trouble, if some one had not conceived the happy idea of applying to the Emperor for money compensation for the loss. The application to His Majesty was made, and will no doubt be favorably received. That the gay scene which the principal Boulevards statistically present during the Winter holidays, is this year much abridged. But in all the other high streets of the Capital, and to a greater extent in account of the prohibition on the Boulevards, one encounters thousands of these booths, where they sell toys that appear always new—"little nothings" known under the name of *articles de Paris*, which serve as a monetary resource for many needy families, and for which Paris has no rival in the world.

THE MINORITY MASS.

For the first time since the temporary closing of the Catholic Churches of Paris, the Christmas Eve, was allowed to take place, this year, without restriction. Heretofore the music was prohibited, and, in some churches, the attendance was restricted to a few of the faithful, who were admitted at doors previously indicated to them, the ordinary doors of entrance being closed. The sacred precincts of a church will [illegible] night last, or rather from 12 to 4 o'clock Tuesday morning, and seen the impression produced on the immense masses that crowded them, in every part, would have understood the necessity which dictated the rigor of the Government. In revolutionary times, the cathedrals, on account of the relaxed police which there prevails, were sometimes chosen as points of reunion for disorderly persons, and especially was this the case on the occasion of a midnight Mass, when the most inspiriting music is heard.

Since the *coup d'état*, therefore, the music has been suppressed, and in those churches where free admission is allowed, a very strong police force is stationed, as a useful precaution against any ebullition of patriotism that might take place. These policemen move constantly about in the dense crowd, and their words of command, uttered in a loud tone, mingle strangely with the solemn chanting of the priests at the altar. This year it was known that the service would take place without restrictions, and in consequence the attendance was more like a mob than a peaceful gathering for pious purposes. The policemen were as busy and as officious in keeping up the circulation as they are at the Police Bureau when any panic occurs among the "bulls" and "bears." The Emperor, who had never witnessed a Midnight Mass at any of the large cathedrals of Paris, was present *incognito*, it is said, at Notre Dame, St. Roch and the Madeleine, anxious, no doubt, to witness the effect on the multitudes who were expected to be present, and his majesty must have recognized in the animation he saw, that if there was no real danger in the liberty he was granting, there was at least a revival of *souvenirs* which could not have flattered him if pronounced aloud.

THE EMPRESS GOING BACK TO ST. CLOUD.

The Empress is not satisfied with the narrow and public promenade which the Terrace of the Garden of the Tuileries offers her, and it is said contemplates returning to St. Cloud, where she will remain till after the *accouchement*. The apartments at St. Cloud, prepared and decorated to suit the taste of Her Majesty, possess a charm which she does not find in the cold and formal palace of the Tuileries, and, in addition, she will enjoy a complete isolation in the gardens and park.

The Empress has just decreed a pension from her private purse to Madames RACINE and BUNYER, the former mistresses of a school at Toulouse, where Her Majesty passed two years of her scholastic life.

AN AMERICAN BARONESS.

Last week I told you how an American gave himself a title of nobility, and how he tried to make the American Minister a party to the imposition. But the ladies have a better and a surer way of accomplishing this object. A certain amount of personal charms, not uncommon in America, but quite rare in Europe, and a "dot" ranging any where between a hundred thousand and half a million, will secure any title from a Lady to a Duchess. The other morning I found on my table a large diplomatic-looking envelope, which contained the following notice:

"The Baron LOUIS DE WARCHTER, Chamberlain of His Majesty the King of Würtemberg, has the honor to inform you of the marriage of Monsieur the Baron AUGUSTE DE WARCHTER, his brother, Chamberlain of His Majesty the King of Würtemberg, and Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary near His Majesty the Emperor of France, with Mademoiselle JOSEPHINE LOUISA LEE, daughter of Madame the Widow LEE, (of New-York,) and invites you to be present at the nuptial benediction, which will be given them at the Church of the Redemption, Rue Chaudiat, Thursday, 20th December, at 1 o'clock precisely."

It was mail day, and I could not avail myself of the polite invitation; but without having been present, I can inform your readers that the match between Baron WARCHTER and Miss LEE, now the Baroness WARCHTER, was made up last Summer at the Springs of Baden, and that aside from the Baron's title and the lady's hundred and fifty thousand dollars, the match was an agreeable one to both parties. The Baron WARCHTER is about forty-five years of age, an excellent and kind-hearted gentleman, and strongly attached to America and the Americans.

What a pity American gentlemen cannot find titles with the same facility, so as not to be put to such straits as was poor George Jones!

CHUVELLY AFTER THE SAME WAUBLE.

As I predicted, CHUVELLY has chosen the title of Baroness, and sent her manager begging for a prima donna. When her resolution to that effect was taken, she did not wait till her engagement for this year should be finished, but refused to sing the last evening she was announced, which was Sunday evening last, the piece "The Huguenots." The case was no doubt pressing, since she had but four nights more to sing before the end of the year and the end of her engagement, and since she loses a considerable forfeit by the refusal. She will take her title of Baroness, and at the end of a year of marital experience, it is safe to predict will appear upon the stage again; for with the "tragic element" which common repute gives her, not more than a year will pass without a family quarrel, and the first quarrel will bring her back to the scenes again, and to the realization of the 160,000 a year, which was held up as a *contre-balance* against her marriage.

NEW OPERAS.

Two new operas have been produced this week, one at the Opera Comique, entitled "Les Saisons," the music by M. MASSÉ, the other at the Grand Opera, entitled "Pantagruel." The first was a complete success; the second only a mediocre success. Their Majesties and the Court were present at both representations.

MALAKOFF.

The Austrian Propositions to Russia.

Paris (Jan. 4) Correspondence of the London Times.

A good deal has been said about the propositions presented by the Emperor FRANCIS JOSEPH to Russia, and accepted by France and England. Until they are officially known, I may as well give you what is stated in the German Chancelleries in Paris, already alluded to, and I have reason to suspect that it is perhaps nearer the truth than anything as yet published on the subject. With respect to the Danubian Principalities, I am assured that, as already *stated, the complete abolition* of the Russian Protectorate is insisted upon. Russia is to have no exclusive right of protection, nor intervention, in the domestic affairs of the Principalities. It is demanded that the Principalities shall retain their privileges and immunities under the suzerainetéé of the Sultan, and that the Ottoman Porte, in concert with the contracting Powers, shall grant to the Principalities an internal organization according to the necessities and freely expressed wishes of the population. In concert with the Sultan also, as their suzerain, the Principalities will adopt a *permanent defensive system*, such as is required by their geographical position, and no obstacle and no impediment shall be offered to them to resist aggression on the part of a foreign power. In exchange for the fortified places and territory occupied by the Allied armies, Russia will be required to assent to a modification of her own frontier with Turkey in Europe. The frontier thus modified, conformable to the general rules, will run nearly from the neighborhood of Chatyn, following the line of mountains which extend in a southeasterly direction, and terminating in the Lake Kodk. The line will be definitively regulated by the treaty of peace, and the ceded territory will be restored to the Principalities, and consequently to the suzerainetéé of the Porte.

With respect to the Danube, the opening of that river and its mouths *will be effectually secured* by regulations in which Europe will have an interest, and in which the contracting Powers will be duly represented, excepting the portions belonging to the Powers who have territory on its banks, which will be regulated according to the principle established by the Congress of Vienna in matters relating to fluvial navigation. Each of the contracting Powers will have the right to maintain one or two small vessels of war at the mouths of the river, with the object of insuring the execution of the regulations relative to the freedom of the Danube.

The Black Sea will be made *completely neutral*. [illegible] whose force shall be determined previously, necessary for the service of their respective coasts. It is also provided that such stipulation or convention as shall have been agreed upon for that object will be appended to the general treaty.

It will be previously submitted to the approval of the Powers who sign that treaty, and will have the same force, and be in every respect considered as forming an integral part of that instrument. These stipulations or convention-forming part of the treaty, and secured in the same manner, shall not be altered nor modified or annulled without the previous consent of the powers who sign the general treaty. With respect to the closing of the Straits, the principle will be maintained as applicable to the Powers that possess territory on the shores of the Black Sea, as alluded to in the preceding article.

The patriotism manifested on the eights of the non-Mussulman subjects of the Porte will be confirmed, but without affecting the dignity and the independence of His Majesty, the Sultan; and, as I informed you yesterday, Russia will, after the peace, be invited to take part with France, England and Austria, in all such deliberations as have for their object to secure to the non-Mussulman subjects of the Sultan their religious and political rights.

In addition to the above, the belligerent Powers reserve to themselves the right to propose in the general interest of Europe special conditions besides the four guarantees.

The representatives in Paris of some of the States of Germany, and perhaps one or two Russian residents, are said to be cognisant of the above. The same may perhaps be affirmed of the Belgian Government. At all events, it is believed that the foregoing is a fair summary of the famous Austrian propositions.

Count Esterhazy's Mission—Attitude of the German States.

The Paris correspondent of the London *Times* writing on the 4th inst., says: "Of the result of Count ESTERHAZY's mission to St. Petersburg we know nothing positive as yet, nor do I believe we can know anything before the 10th or 12th instant. There are many rumors, but it is not worth while—indeed it would be waste of time to occupy you with them, as they can only be founded on the merest conjecture. By some of the German chancelleries in Paris, it is said that the dispatch sent by Count GEORGE ESTERHAZY of the disposition of the King of Prussia to support the Austrian propositions at St. Petersburg led to conclusions far too favorable and exaggerated; and that the Count disappeared soon after from Berlin, and it is supposed proceeded to Vienna to set his Government right on the matter, and it is feared to considerably reduce the importance which had unintentionally or otherwise been attached to the promise or engagement of the King.

I mentioned, in a former letter, that it was feared that the intrigues of Russia had produced a certain effect on some of the German states not over pleasing to the Allies. I am now informed that the King of Bavaria continues, as before, anxious for peace, but with restrictions, and he does not go beyond the acceptance by Russia of the four guarantees. M. DE MANTEUFFEL remains faithful, however, to the impressions with which he left Paris on his return to Germany, and to those who reproach him with his change of opinion he alleges the military advantages the belligerent Powers have already obtained, and the satisfactory explanations given to him by the Emperor and the French Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Determination of Napoleon to Carry on the War.

The Paris correspondent of the London *Times* writes:

I understand that the assurance was again given to-day in an official quarter of the resolution of this Government to carry on the war in the most vigorous manner in the event of Russia not acceding to the propositions adopted by the Allies. It was repeated at the same time that the Emperor NAPOLEON had no insatiable desire for war; on the contrary, he would feel as much satisfaction as any one that the war should cease, but that he and the English Government were determined not to abate one iota of the terms on which peace would be accepted, and that if Russia still held out she would soon see how two such Powers make war in the Baltic. It was not denied that there was still a glimmer of hope of peace, but yet admitted that the glimmer was very faint indeed. This does not differ in any respect from what I have more than once described as the disposition of the French Government, but it is no harm to repeat it each time that counter-statements appear in the Russian Press of Belgium and Germany.

Latest from Sebastopol.

A letter in the *Presse d'Orient*, under date of Dec. 16, says:

The Russians, encamped on the north of the bay, must feel rather uncomfortable, for they have not one-half of the little convenience we enjoy. As far as we can judge, with the aid of telescopes, their installation is most deficient and incomplete, and their supply of wood very insufficient, for we frequently see numbers of their men seeking fuel amid the brushwood of Inkermann and on the sites of some ruined houses close to the bay. They have become of late more sparing of their gunpowder and projectiles. Seeing that we never respond to their provocations, they fire less frequently; nevertheless, when they perceive a horseman or a pedestrian, they cannot resist the temptation, and salute him with a cannon ball or a shell.

We have remarked for some days considerable movement in the Russian camp, from which it is inferred that Prince GORTSCHAKOFF must have received reinforcements. The intrenchments, they say, up the docks are nearly terminated. An officer of the Engineers told me, the day before yesterday, that eight chambers were ready for the purpose, but not yet loaded. The destruction of these gigantic works will not be the least curious episode of the great drama we have been acting here for upwards of a year. You have seen Sebastopol in its splendor, dressed out in all its warlike finery; you have seen it after the 8th of September, when you must have observed a great change in its decoration, but what will it be when the explosion of the mines takes place? I visited some days ago the Sardinian camp, where we have many friends. I found our brave comrades in an excellent condition. Their General-in-Chief pays every attention to the welfare of his troops, and they will get over the Winter as comfortably as it is possible in the Crimea.

The number of sick is quite insignificant. Fresh meat is very agreeable to the soldiers. This is not, however, a mere question of taste, but they are all persuaded that this food is extremely wholesome. They do not relish salt provisions; right or wrong, they regard them as unhealthy; few of the men eat their whole rations, and some of them do not taste it. Physicians vainly assure them that two distributions of salt meat weekly are not injurious to health—they cannot conquer the aversion of the soldier for that article. Cattle was beginning to be scarce in Sardinian camp, and the intendant had been obliged to apply to the English commissariat for a number of oxen.

Effect of the War on the Trade of England.

From the London Times, Jan. 5.

The influences of the present war upon the trade of this country are confined to a few simple elements of easy calculation. We are not in a deadly strife of a quarter of a century's duration with our nearest neighbor. Our merchantmen are not watched by privateers as they leave port, nor is privateering a regular branch of home enterprise. We have not to contend with Milan decrees. We are not madly resolved to obtain an important import from no other place than a few islands called corn, all Europe being equally resolved we shall not obtain it even from them.

We are not waging war at once with the enemy and with ourselves, and trying whether peace or war shall do us most harm. In other respects there is all the difference in the world between 1815 and 1855. The injuries inflicted by war upon trade are now the demands on the money and labor markets, the restriction upon our means of expenditure, the irregular employment of shipping, the excessive consumption of certain materials, and the unnatural impetus given to a few manufactures. Nevertheless, there is not a branch of manufacture or commerce which is not more or less affected by war, and the entire tone of the sympathy which pervades the commercial system. On the whole, the wonder is that trade has suffered so little. Our manufacturers, perhaps the least warlike portion of the community, have been cautious even to excess, and have limited production to the lowest possible rate. Our merchants have been equally cautious. In every article it is observed that the stock on hand is unusually small, and there is hardly a branch of trade, if one, in which we are not told that the ensuing year promises better than the last. As all events—and even in the case of great disasters by war, and with the certainty of an immense and uncontrollable expenditure—we have not the further aggravation of a great commercial crisis hanging over our heads, and ready to fall, like an avalanche, at the first disturbance of the air. Enterprise, indeed, must depend upon credit, which is but another name for commercial opinion, of all opinions the most sensitive and precarious. But we may at least congratulate ourselves that, as the war has gone on, the confidence of the country in its resources and credit has *rather increased than otherwise*.

If in the iron trade we are told, "the past year has been another of undoubted prosperity in this important branch of our national industry." Strangely enough, the trade has been affected by the war in contradictory ways at the same time. The price of iron has risen at once with the improved prospects of peace, the lightning of the money market, and the heavy consumption for war *material*. The shipments to America have decreased, and those to France proportionally increased, since the commencement of the war. The present price is high, the stock is smaller than it has been for many years; and from the great seat of the iron shipbuilding trade, on the Clyde, we are told that a greater amount of tonnage has been built and launched in this than in any previous year. Contrasted with the great fluctuations of a [illegible] branches of the home trade have been depressed; but on the whole the condition of industry has never been so well sustained when wars have been expected, and any diminution has been more than compensated by the increasing demand for every clothing which has absorbed large quantities of middle and low kinds of wool, both at home and on the Continent. Passing on to Manchester manufactures, we find much the same story. Considering all things, the present position of the market cannot be regarded as unsatisfactory, and as affording conclusive testimony to the power of the enterprise of British industry. In spite of the greatness and simple grandeur of the present and simple productions of the cotton trade, which, even in the season of peace, exceed all other enterprises. Most of the manufacturers, and spinners are under contracts for some time to come. The year may, and have been profitable, but the caution which has limited enterprise is now lasting its effect, and the manufacturers are look into the dark future of the ensuing year with even the greatest than usual. In timber, saw we needed in British industry, a complete revolution has been effected by the war. Not only the range of prices, but the sources of supply are altogether different from former years. The blockade of the Southern Russian ports, not being "neutralized" like that in the Baltic, has effectually kept out the supply from that quarter, and given a corresponding encouragement to that from our East Indian dependencies.

Indeed, could we be certain that this state of things was likely to last long, it is believed that India could meet almost any amount of orders that might be sent out. Thus far, as might be expected, the total importation is less by 100,000 quarters than in 1854, and 200,000 quarters less than that of 1853; while the reexports have been larger than ever before. The fluctuations have been considerable. If Russia continues obstinate, she seems likely to risk this important trade altogether, as India is becoming every year more capable of producing and conveying any quantity of linseed our manufacturers can require.

The shipping trade appears to have undergone less fluctuation than in many years of peace. At the beginning of the war there was an immense demand for large steamers, and the packet and postal services were deranged in consequence; but, happily, the transport service has been reduced to something like method, and fewer ships answer the purpose. On the strength of the unusual demand last year, the shipbuilding trade has made a great start, and it is only to be hoped that employment will be found for it. The number of iron vessels is rapidly increasing. In the Clyde, we are told, it is true, to a vessel building, of wood; on the Tyne, also, iron is the prevailing material; the Liverpool shipbuilders are turning their attention this way, as are even the leading shipbuilders at Sunderland. The application of the small auxiliary screw to full-rigged vessels having now been successfully tested, before many years the trade to Australia, India, and China will probably be carried on with this description of vessel. The carrying trade has had some unexpected encouragement in the conveyance of rice from India, the unusual crops of sugar from Demerara and the principal islands, and guano and nitrate of soda from the Pacific, as well as from the present extraordinary traffic with Turkey and the Crimea. The Americans have come in for their share of profits from the war; and with this, as well as large crops of cotton and grain, are doing very well, though our own exports to the States have fallen very low. After four years' trial of the act of 1851, our shipbuilders are forced to confess that the repeal of the Navigation Laws has agreeably surprised them. Not only do they beat all their rivals in America and the Baltic, from whom so much was feared, but Sweden and Norway have found it necessary, from the position of their own merchants, to annul their own restrictions on the use of British shipping, and we are actually beating the Scandinavian shipbuilders in their own ports. We are building ships for all the world; screw steamers are in the greatest demand, and even second-ships seldom appear in the market. The prospects of the trade are still improving, even at a time when the American shipbuilders are suffering an unaccountable depression. No doubt this differences, owing to the greater variety of the purposes for which our shipping is wanted, and to our better command of the European trade; but the most sanguine emancipator of British navigation and shipbuilding could hardly have ventured to prophecy that in four years we should distance all the world.

The London Times on the Press and Government of the United States.

From the Times of Jan. 4.

We find in the columns of a morning cotemporary, an article from a semi-official Washington paper, reflecting, with the examness and inconsistency but too common to American journalism, on the conduct of the English press, and of the Times in particular. Of course, to our cotemporary, whose own connection with our daily Hamburg is depending so very slight as apparently to demand the call *sperde sarpe*, any amount of abuse of the press is acceptable, provided the principal portion of it be directed against a more fortunate competitor, and the abuse be leveled with equal impartiality at the English people. In this view we have very much to proceed to concur. It is not the mission of a daily newspaper, nor is it possible for it, to be very far advanced beyond the times in which it exists. The philosopher whose intellect has penetrated to truth hidden from the eyes of his generation must content himself with the tardy justice of a late posterity, and not seek or hope to influence the thoughts or feelings of his contempories. The press may lead public opinion, but it can *only* be faithfully and honestly reflecting it. It is its identity with the people who read it that gives a newspaper its power. It need not flatter or fawn on its readers, but, if it means to have any influence it must hold the thoughts and speak the language of the most sensible and enlightened practical men of its age. The American journal is seeking to disparage us pays us the very highest compliment when it tells us we have been sufficiently successful in reflecting the opinions and feelings of the people of England. To do this, and to make an honest use of such influence as complete sympathy alone could give us, are our highest honor, and we gladly accept the testimony of an enemy to the fact. To be sure, our American cotemporary thinks that for a journal to represent the feelings of the great mass of the English is in the highest degree disgraceful, because that nation is conceited, clannish, obstinate, fickle, pugnacious, cowardly, haughty, insolent, vain and opinionated—a character which our cotemporary, who copies it with approbation into his columns, is no doubt ready to endorse. But, humble as may be our ambition, we are well content to be neither wiser nor better, provided we be neither weaker nor worse than the great body of our countrymen.

We believe that, with their full share of faults and weaknesses, the people of England are neither cowardly nor capricious, that they respect individual liberty and the law by which alone that liberty can be secured, and that they have so much nobleness in their nature that they will not for long be led or influenced by anything base or unprincipled. We hold the same opinion with regard to the thinking and settled portion of the American community, and because we hold that opinion we have ventured to reason with them in all candor, plainness and earnestness. We have ventured to point out to them that the nation is represented by a press and an Executive which do it injustice in the eyes of foreign nations, and must tend to lower it in its own, unless it be content to abase its standard of right and wrong, of wisdom and folly, to the level of its foolish instructors and blind guides. We have pointed out to the great American nation that each party seems to rival the other in the abuse of England—a topic apparently always popular with the dregs of the town populations, to whom electioneering eloquence is ordinarily addressed. The same tone is caught up by officers of the Government, and reechoed by almost every newspaper that is published from one end to the other of the States.

We have not identified—we have been careful in separating—the great American nation from the men and the journals who misrepresent it; but we have plainly pointed out the evil and the scandal, and in the furtherance of peace and amity between the two nations, in which we feel as deep an interest as any of the incendiaries of the press or the platform, we have entreated the nation, in which the power is vested, to provide itself with a more discreet and powerful Executive and a less licentious press. We did not suppose that in so doing we should conciliate either the press or the Government of America; but we did hope, and we hope still, that we may arouse the American Nation to the danger of being represented by such a press and such a Government. In America, we are perfectly aware, both press and Government are estimated at their true, and not, more than their merits, value. The ravings of such persons as Mr. Attorney-General CUSHING are treated with contempt, and the virulence of newspapers is regarded as the mere trick of men engaged in hot competition for an existence, which depends on pandering to the lowest passions of the populace. But Americans must remember that foreign nations do not see these things from the American point of view, and necessarily regard the relations of the Government and the press to the people as pretty nearly the same on the one side as on the other side of the Atlantic. *It is above all things desirable that the two nations should remain at terms of peace and amity, and we believe the great people of England are of opinion the Washington Union advocate speaks the sentiment, that they desire nothing more earnestly than to cultivate the most friendly relations with all the world, but especially with the United States. The quarrel will never come from our side*, but it is quite possible that those whom the American public suffers to misrepresent it with the pen and in the Capitol may succeed in embroiling the Governments of the two nations to a degree and to an extent which may commit their honor and render an amicable solution impossible. The very men whom the enlightened American citizen avowedly despises and repudiates at home he may feel it impossible to disavow when they have compromised the honor of his country abroad.

AFFAIRS IN ALBANY.

THE ELECTION OF CLERK.

Another Move to make Usury Respectable by Making it Legal.

GRACE AND NO GRACE.

EX-GENERAL CHAMBERS.

Special Correspondence of the N. Y. Daily Times.

ALBANY, Friday, Jan. 18, 1856.

After the proceedings of yesterday, it was not difficult to determine how the struggle for the organization of the House was to end. The late vote and the protracted debate and innumerable propositions which preceded the adjournment, rendered it a matter of certainty that RICHARD U. SHERMAN must in time receive a sufficient number of votes to insure his choice.

Through the evening, the Hindoos held a caucus, and endeavored to concentrate their vote upon some person who could secure an outside pressure sufficient to carry him to the Clerk's stand. They failed, however, to effect the end so much desired, and came into the House this morning without any marked change in their programme, save an admitted inability to hold all their votes for their caucus nominee.

I cannot learn that those charged with having made a combination to elect Mr. SHERMAN made any efforts during the evening of yesterday to advance his vote. They had an abiding faith in the strength of his universally conceded fitness for the discharge of the duties of the Clerk's desk—a fitness made up of integrity, energy, industry, and an experience which no other man in the State had been able to embrace. With a canvass of his merits, such as was progressing when the House adjourned, his friends were content, and so they voted on their cars, and slept quietly.

This morning, when the House met, of course the first business was the election of a Clerk. The proceedings were commenced by Mr. JOHN B. NAFEW, who caused to be read the following letter, withdrawing his name from the contest, and leaving the fight between SHERMAN, STEVENS and SCATTERING:

ALBANY, Friday, Jan. 18, 1856.

Hon. H. WILSON—*Dear Sir*: Having received the votes of a large majority of the Democratic members for the office of Clerk, and being satisfied that I cannot concentrate the entire Democratic strength, I have concluded to withdraw from the contest. Please announce this fact to my friends, and tender to them my sincere and grateful thanks for the honor they have conferred upon me by their generous support. Very truly yours,

JOHN B. NAFEW.

It was resolved to vote three times, and if on the third ballot no person should have a majority of all the votes, then the person having the highest number was to be declared Clerk. The first vote stood:

Sherman	49	Scattering	26
Stevens	33		

No choice; and a second ballot ordered, with the result of an election, viz.:

Sherman	50	Scattering	26
Stevens	32		

So SHERMAN had a majority over all—the first majority election of the session.

A resolution was then adopted directing the Speaker to appoint Sergeant-at-Arms, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, Doorkeeper, Postmasters, &c. Perhaps, I am sorry to say, this last resolve cuts off the Know-Nothings from any chance for any of the offices for which they have struggled so long and so desperately. They have been intensely in earnest when they maintained the party necessity which compelled them to insist upon the organization by the election of their nominees, and after nearly three weeks of such continued efforts, the reaction must be severe. I hope the party will not suffer a collapse.

ALL READY.

I believe we are all ready to do up the work about which we are assembled, so if the good people have any axes that require to be sharpened on the legislative grindstone, I advise that they be forwarded without delay.

THE SENATE

Has, in a quiet way [illegible] what in legislation. Petitions, [illegible] accumulate gradually on the t[illegible]ards. From the entire of those [illegible]y, I analyze the following:

THE RATE OF INTEREST AND USURY.

The money-changers cling convulsively to the hope that they will, some day, be able to have usury made legal and shaving respectable. I have no faith in this hope, and no sympathy with those who cherish it. People sometimes admire a pertinacity even in that which they detest. If such admiration is ever justifiable, I think those who are so anxious for the repeal of the Usury laws are entitled to a full share. They have commenced early this session, and very modestly, too. Senator HALE leads the dance with a proposition to amend the Revised Statutes wherein they declare forfeit the principal of any note, draft, bill of exchange, &c., upon which it has been agreed to pay and to receive more than legal interest. This is a very pretty little entering wedge, but I very much doubt the ability of Senator HALE to drive it home, backed though it may be by the whole host of jobbers and shavers, and cent. per cents.

GRACE AND NO GRACE.

Senator MADDEN introduced a bill declaring that all bills of exchange or drafts payable at sight, shall be deemed due and payable with grace, and that checks upon banks or bankers, payable on any particular day after the date thereof, shall be due and payable on the day mentioned, *without grace*. And, further, that it shall not be necessary to present for acceptance any check upon any bank, before the same becomes due, and that parties to said checks shall remain equally liable as if the same had been presented and accepted. A much needed enactment, and I presume it will be pushed along.

LONG ISLAND TRUST COMPANY.

Senator C. P. SMITH introduces a bill changing JAMES VAN NORSTRAND, S. T. SCHANCKEN, and thirty-two other gentlemen, from private individuals to a body corporate, under the name of the Long Island Trust Company. In addition to the usual powers of a corporation, they are to receive moneys in trust from Corporations, under of Surrogates, Courts of Records, and from such individuals as may have any spare change upon which they desire to accumulate more. The capital stock is $1,000,000, shares $100. When $500,000 is paid in or secured, the Corporation may open office for the transaction of business.

THE LEAKE AND WATTS ASYLUM.

Senator BROOKS introduces a bill to convey to the Leake and Watts Asylum all the lands of which JOHN G. LEAKE died possessed, and which he had bequeathed to the said Asylum. I believe that a large portion of the lands of the deceased were escheated to the State, through some defect in the [illegible]

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NEW-YORK CITY.

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MUNICIPAL.

THE ALDERMEN.

The Aldermen met last evening, President Hargraves in the Chair. A communication was received from the Governors of the Almshouse, with a recommendation that Messrs. Jas. Jr., and W. S. Duke be appointed Commissioners of Deeds, referred to the Committee on the subject of the new prison in the rear of Essex Market. The Board resolved to appoint a Committee of Conference.

After hearing petitions for appointments as Commissioner of Deeds, a communication was received from the Corporation Counsel, Lorenzo E. Shepard, appointing George H. Purser as Corporation Attorney.

Alderman Tucker—Is Mr. Purser a lawyer?

President Hargraves—In part.

The nomination was confirmed by 16 to 2.

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Nathaniel S. Sands, Commissioner of Repairs and Supplies, asked leave to withdraw the following nominations:

John G. Teolet, Clerk.

Alexander Ward, Superintendent of Roads.

Henry C. Wooley, Superintendent of Pavements.

James Irving, Superintendent of Repairs to Public Buildings.

The communication was laid on the table on motion of Alderman Ely, by 21 votes to 10.

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G. W. Morton, City Inspector, sent in the following nominations of Health Wardens of some of the Wards.

Second Ward—Richard H. Gilbert.

Seventh Ward—William A. Haggerty, ex-Captain of Police.

Eighth Ward—Gemaliel Leayeraft.

Tenth Ward—James H. Demarest.

Tenth Ward—John Blowey.

Eleventh Ward—Oliver Green.

Thirteenth Ward—James J. Abbott.

Fourteenth Ward—Wm. S. Wood.

Fifteenth Ward—John S. Vreeland.

Sixteenth Ward—Charles Tripp.

Seventeenth Ward—Lewis J. Kirk.

Twenty-first Ward—Lemuel Stanley.

Twenty-second Ward—William Belden.

The communication was laid on the table by 9 to 11 votes.

Several documents from the Fire Commissioners, and many papers from the Councilmen, were laid on the table.

The reports from the City Savings Banks, required by law, were received and ordered on file.

The tax levy for the coming year was referred to the Finance Committee, and the award of contracts for blank-books and stationery from the Comptroller were laid on the table.

Comptroller Flagg also sent in a list of non-completed contracts in the Street Department, Finance Department, Croton Aqueduct Department, and in the Department of the City Inspector. The communication was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

A resolution from the Councilmen, appropriating $600 for services rendered by their official reporter, was referred to the Committee on Finances.

Alderman Tucker moved to take the nomination of James Irving from the table, but the resolution was lost by 9 to 11.

The President then announced the following standing Committees for the year 1856, after which the Board adjourned.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Almshouse Department—Aldermen Griffith, Tucker, Hoffmire.

Arts and Sciences—Aldermen Fulmer, Moser, Brown.

Assessments—Aldermen Valentine, Varian, Fox.

Cleaning Streets—Aldermen Griffith, Briggs, Hoffmire.

Ferries—Aldermen Fox, Drake, Steers.

Finance—Aldermen Voorhis, Herrick, Fulmer.

Fire Department—Aldermen Tucker, Voorhis, Clancy.

Joint Committee on Accounts—Aldermen Fulmer, Fox, Healy.

Croton Aqueduct—Aldermen Ely, Voorhis, Monaghan.

Lamps and Gas—Aldermen Fox, Valentine, Clancy.

Lands and Places—Aldermen Valentine, Griffith, Monaghan.

Law Department—Aldermen Voorhis, Ely, Varian.

Markets—Aldermen Corwin, Briggs, Healy.

Ordinances—Aldermen Ely, Tucker, Brown.

Police—Aldermen Corwin, Moser, Monaghan.

Public Health—Aldermen Griffith, Steers, Briggs.

Public Buildings on Blackwell's Island—Aldermen Moser, Drake, Jackson.

Repairs and Supplies—Aldermen Tucker, Fulmer, McConkey.

Salaries and Offices—Aldermen Briggs, Hoffmire, Drake.

Sewers—Aldermen Fulmer, Valentine, Varian.

Streets—Aldermen Briggs, Griffith, Brown.

Wharves, Piers and Slips—Aldermen Moser, Corwin, Steers.

Railroads—Aldermen Drake, Moser, Valentine, Herrick, McConkey.

THE COUNCILMEN.

The Board of Councilmen met last evening, but aside from the reception of another batch of petitions from persons wishing to be made Commissioners of Deeds, there was but little done when the Board adjourned.

Fires.

FIRE IN MAIDEN-LANE.

About 4 o'clock, yesterday morning, a fire broke out in the large jewelry establishment of PEARY & BROWNING, situated on the corner of Maiden-lane and Liberty-place. The flames were soon perceived, and, after a short effort, succeeded in extinguishing the flames. The fire originated in the basement, and was caused by the flues running under the first floor becoming so overheated as to ignite the cross timbers. The principal damage was done by water. The loss of the Messrs. PEARY is estimated at about $1,000. They are insured, however, for $25,000, in the following offices:

Company.	Amount.
Williamsburg City	$5,000
Harmony, Williamsburg	5,000
Merchants' and Traders	3,000
St. Marks	1,500
Pacific	3,000
Stuyvesant	5,000
Franklin, of Philadelphia	5,000
Fulton, of New-York	3,000
Mutual and Marine Ins. Co. of Harrisburg, Va.	2,500
Total	$27,500

FIRE IN THIRTY-SECOND.

About 3 o'clock Sunday morning, an alarm of fire for the Seventh District was occasioned by the burning [illegible]

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COPARTNERSHIP.

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PROPOSALS.

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AGRICULTURAL.

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Another day was consumed yesterday in Congress in elaborate and solemn trifling. Further schemes were proposed for inducing the friends of Mr. BANKS to desert their candidate, but they remained firm, and every proposition was tabled. One more balloting was had without any material change, and then the House adjourned.

The Senate received several petitions on the subject of the Naval Retiring Board, and then adjourned until Thursday.

Nothing of moment was done in Albany, but, as there is now no obstacle existing to prevent legislation, and as a fifth of the session has been wasted in doing nothing, the Legislature will doubtless begin work in earnest at once.

By the arrival of the brig *Helen Jane* at Boston from Truxillo, we have some interesting advices from Honduras, which indicate that the operations of Col. WALKER in Central America are not necessarily confined to Nicaragua. CABANO, the former President of Honduras, who was driven out of the country by Gen. GUARDIOLA, and afterwards joined Col. WALKER, was reported on his frontier, having command of five hundred American and one thousand native troops, with the purpose of again taking possession. It was thought that he would succeed, as Gen. GUARDIOLA had expressed a determination not to fight the Yankees, as they were, in his opinion, irresistible. The leading native inhabitants of Omoa and Truxillo are reported as not opposed to WALKER.

From Europe.

The *Washington*, with European dates to the 6th inst., arrived yesterday afternoon. She was detained four days at Southampton for the purpose of repairing divers injuries that she received from a collision in the Straits of Dover during the prevalence of a dense fog. An account of the accident is given elsewhere.

Nothing has yet transpired concerning the result of Count ESTERHAZY's mission to St. Petersburg. The Paris correspondent of the London Times, particularizing the Austrian propositions, vouches for their correctness, and states, at the same time, that, in the event of Russia refusing to accept them, the French Emperor is determined to prosecute the war with redoubled vigor. News from Sebastopol is received to the 18th of December. An article from the London Times on the effect of the war upon the wealth of England, and another, from the same source, on the Press and Government of the United States—both of which will be found among our extracts—will attract attention.

Latest quotations show a very slight decline in Consols.

We publish in another column this morning a remarkable article from the London Times, on the present condition of the relations between the Governments of the United States and Great Britain. The article is remarkable in many respects, but chiefly so for the audacious swagger with which the self-styled organ of popular opinion in Great Britain lectures the people of this country, and advises them to disregard their own Government, and the voice of the popular Press, telling them that neither one nor the other is worthy of their confidence nor entitled to any respect; that the Government is corrupt and imbecile, and the Press venal. The Times claims to be the organ of popular opinion and to represent fairly the public sentiment of Great Britain, and very justly remarks that a daily paper of large circulation must necessarily be found in accord with the public sentiment, neither in advance of it nor behind it, or it would not exist. But this rule the Times does not allow will apply on this side of the Atlantic, and assumes that the people do not coincide either with the Press they support or the Government they elect. In these assumptions the Times is most woefully mistaken, and its error is probably owing to its limited acquaintance with our Press, and its misunderstanding of the acts of our Government. The Times may make itself perfectly easy on the question of the conduct of the people of this country in any emergency which shall require them to choose between its advice and the support of their own Government. Right or wrong the Government will be, and must be, supported in whatever position it may assume towards a foreign country; and the Government itself, let who may be at the head, will never venture to assume a position which will compromise the honor or the interests of the nation.

But the chief point of interest in the article which we quote is the obvious apprehension of the Times that the action of its Government may possibly lead to a collision between the two nations, and the earnest desire to avoid such a calamity. Nothing is more evident than from the tenor of the Times' leaders, and the tone of the British Press, that a war with this country is regarded as one of the greatest calamities that could befall England at any time, but especially at the present, when all her energies are needed to the utmost to carry on the war against Russia. The English people have a very wholesome appreciation of the power of the United States, and they know what disastrous results would follow a temporary alienation of the friendly sentiments which exist between the two countries. It is not long since that the Times made the following remarks in reply to an allusion of Mr. BUCHANAN's to this country:

"But the special excellence in which Mr. BUCHANAN dwells is the smallness of the army, and the nothingness of the navy. 'Yet nobody thinks of insulting the United States. An American is as free from violence abroad as an Englishman; and it is by no means certain that he is not more sure of redress, in case of insult.' What does Mr. BUCHANAN mean? Does he mean that the United States have a phlegmatic horror of war, that it is their principle not to resent injury, and, because they are known to be of this peculiarly meek disposition, foreign States show them unusual respect? Mr. BUCHANAN knows that the very contrary is the case; and that, if the United States are unprepared for war, the attitude which they assume whenever they fancy their rights are invaded is the most bellicose. *It is certainly not by acting on the principles of the Peace Society that they win upon foreign States, but because they threaten the reverse, and it is known that what they threaten they can accomplish.*"

England is a magnanimous nation, we know, and forbearing towards inferior powers; but its magnanimity is considerably heightened by the conviction so candidly expressed in the closing lines of the above quotation.

The Central American Movement.

The most recent intelligence from San Juan furnishes early confirmation of the views we presented a short time since, concerning the attitude of the United States and Great Britain towards Central America. It is stated that the Commander of the British naval force on that station has officially communicated to Commodore PAULDING, Commander of our Home Squadron, so much of his instructions as direct him to repel all fillibuster movements at Greytown coming to his knowledge, and that to this end he will prohibit the landing of arms and armed men. Here is a direct assertion of the British protectorate over the Mosquito Coast, and of a claim to jurisdiction over the port of San Juan. It appears, then, that the protectorate has neither been abandoned nor fallen into desuetude. At the first exigency, when British policy demands its enforcement, it is brought forward in the most authoritative and offensive form. Great Britain declares herself the ally of the Mosquito Chief, and prepares to sustain, by force, whatever she may choose to declare his rights.

This looks like a *casus belli*, and we are curious to learn what instructions have been given to Commodore PAULDING applicable to such a contingency. We presume that directions have lately been transmitted to him to anticipate the intervention of the British commander, and to prevent, by an exertion of vigilance and energy, such as has been lately practiced by our District-Attorney, the landing of arms or any other warlike belongings of fillibusterism from American vessels. This course would obviate the necessity of the interference threatened by Great Britain, and might avert a serious collision.

The hand of Lord PALMERSTON is plainly visible in this proceeding. That pugnacious statesman is famous for his antipathies towards the United States, for his pertinacity, and for the indomitable "pluck" with which he pursues his resentments. It is a fact well known, that the present dispute between this country and England would have been wholly avoided had Lord ABERDEEN remained in office. All the questions growing out of the Clayton-Bulwer Treaty were upon the point of adjustment, the Prime Minister having expressed to Mr. BUCHANAN his conviction that the interest and honor of England would not suffer by submitting to the course of events in Central America, and by permitting the claim to a protectorate over the savages of the Mosquito Coast to be settled by the settlement of the country by Americans and Europeans. Scarcely a month had elapsed after the retirement of Lord ABERDEEN before the new Premier caused it to be intimated to Mr. BUCHANAN that he did not concur in the views of his predecessor, and by his directions the celebrated dispatch of May 2, 1854, was written, in which it was practically asserted that the Clayton and Bulwer Treaty had settled nothing, and that no British rights in Central America had been concluded by it. This, of course, reopened the whole subject, and the Convention of 1850, instead of settling anything, was found to have greatly widened the disagreement between the two Governments on the subjects to which it related. The dispatch of May 2 was a virtual abrogation of the Treaty on the part of Great Britain, and was rigidly adhered to in all the subsequent correspondence down to the positive rejection of our propositions in September or October last. Thus, during the intervening two years, matters have been growing worse until, though with the pressure of a great foreign war upon his hands, Lord PALMERSTON finds himself wrought up to the point of braving the United States almost on its own coasts, and threatening an appeal to arms upon a point which the preceding administration had declared itself prepared to surrender in our favor.

Will the constituents of Lord PALMERSTON permit him to indulge his pet aversion to the United States? Upon this question there is room for a difference of opinion. Our Attorney-General, we hear, has lately said that we should have war within ninety days—and we know that well informed and discreet gentlemen, lately returned from England, and who have had extraordinary opportunities for obtaining a knowledge of the policy and intentions of the British Ministry, concur in this startling opinion. Gen. CASS, it is said, also considers war inevitable, though he is unable to give in private conversation, any more than in public debate, a good reason for so thinking. But we have no reason to believe that England will provoke a war with us on this subject, and an article which we copy from the London *Times* of the 5th inst. indicates very clearly that the people of that country do not dream of the possibility of such an event.

Were the question referred to the Commons and the Parliament of England, we should have no doubt of an instant and emphatic verdict against PALMERSTON and in favor of the United States; but, the head of the British Ministry may find no difficulty in showing that resistance to the probable designs of our Government in Central America is the common cause of all the Allies of England, as well as of all the Western Powers which she desires to make her allies. The security of all the European possessions in the West Indies, Lord PALMERSTON will doubtless contend, depends upon the exclusion of American power and influence from the commercial port of San Juan. We cannot pursue the subject further to-day than to repeat the conviction that there is a great probability of a European league for the preservation of the status quo of the central regions of this continent. We look, therefore, with anxiety for further intelligence of naval movements in the West Indies. Much depends upon the courage and prudence of Commodore PAULDING. But we cannot refrain from expressing the hope that his instructions warrant his acting with vigor and decision in vindication of our national rights.

A Step Forward in Legal Reform.

A bill, requiring plaintiffs in civil actions to testify at the call of the defence, has been introduced into the State Senate. People who have not reflected upon such subjects will wonder why a change of such obvious value should only be brought forward in the year of grace, 1858, rather than in some other earlier but equally enlightened year or century. They do not understand such things. The whole system of law, even in New-York, where it has enjoyed the largest ameliorations, bristles with abuses and anomalies irreconcilable with common sense, which have existed for ages, and are likely to outlast the longest liver among us. Nowhere is improvement so slow, on no science does the spirit of the age act with less effect, than upon the science of justice. Prejudices, the growth of a thousand years, are enlisted in favor of the law as it, with the whole profession to battle for them, and none to war against them, or to present law as it should be, and arouse public indignation at a code invented in an age of darkness and barbarism, and fastened upon the necks of civilized posterity. Hard-headed Jeremy Bentham has had no successor. And if this bill of Mr. SICKELS' shall be rejected by the Legislature, it will only share the fate of a host of others, equally wise and beneficent. Law-reformers, like voyagers in Arctic regions, have very few chances of success, and a thousand of discomfiture and loss.

The wise founders of the common law, who, it may be remembered, diversified the tedium of legislation by plundering monasteries, impaling each other in tilt or tournay, indulging in a border raid upon the Chariot, or a foray in France, supervising trials by the ordeal of fire or water, the wager of battle, roasting martyrs and witches, discrowning one king and setting up another, and, in general, leading as lawless and savage lives as the peerage of the Cannibal Islands; these eminently practical legislators seemed to have a confused notion that the scales of justice ought to hang equally, and without vibration; but had no sort of idea as to the way of effecting the equilibrium. Their even-handed justice always leaned visibly to one side or the other. Some advantage was uniformly afforded to one of the two parties applying for justice—parties, who theoretically came into Court upon even footing. Thus, in case of a disputed title to land, possession was declared to be nine points of the law; and the scale preponderated almost insuperably against the plaintiff. In the case of a felon, there was a convenient axiom, that no man is bound to criminate himself; and reason in vain asks why not, if the object of legal inquiry be, as it is assumed, to discover the truth? The axiom still figures on our statute book as a screen for cunning villainy. And in the very matter, to the amendment of which the measure of Mr. SICKELS is directed, we have an instance of the scales being deliberately loaded before hand on the plaintiff's side, who comes into Court with a shrewdly contrived narrative of alleged facts, against which the defendant contends, under every possible disadvantage. There are few causes brought to trial where plaintiff and defendant do not know more about the facts than any body else. Were they obliged to testify; were their testimony subjected to the thorough sifting of cross-examination; were they brought to face the witnesses and each other in fact, as they are by hypothesis, how much more readily would the truth be reached; how much more surely would justice be done? Swearing to a complaint, under the advice of counsel, is a barn-door wide enough to let cart-loads of perjury pass with impunity. The plaintiff plays with his dice loaded; he holds all the court-cards in his hands. Nor is such swearing any part of the trial. The complaint is but the first process in the manufacture of an issue. The trial has place when the issue has been reached; when, as the lawyers define it, A affirms some fact which B fully denies. From that moment, the parties to the suit subside into Pythagorean silence. Instead of their direct and conclusive story, we have the faint and confused narratives of a score of others who know little of the circumstances, and that little indirectly and accidentally. Cases are daily given to Juries, surrounded with so much uncertainty and indistinctness, that a verdict is a miracle. Yet the Court, Bench, Bar, and Jury, know perfectly well that two men are present, who, if subjected to rigid and unsparing examination, could clear away all reasonable doubt. On what principle of human sense, then, do we, while pretending that the purpose of trial is to elicit the truth, refuse to employ the most obvious mode of attaining it?

We are told that to place the parties in the witness-box is to tempt them wickedly to the commission of perjury. Such tenderness is simply maudlin. The suitor, so devoid of conscience as to swear falsely himself, can have no scruple or difficulty in suborning others to do the work much more efficiently for him. Their testimony will be scrutinized with only ordinary care; his is open to the gravest suspicion, and will be sifted accordingly. It is also objected that the testimony of interested parties has small weight with the Jury. Perhaps so; but yet in detailing it, and in the cross-examination succeeding it, the deponent can hardly avoid affording some glimpse of facts wanting to close up the case, some circumstance serving as a key to the difficulty, some expression, or allusion, or reference to persons and places, that may guide the Court in the way of truth. In the severely worded declaration, a complaint may readily cover, or disclose. To be so guarded and consistent and coherent under the fire of examination and cross-examination in open Court, is a different and infinitely more troublesome affair.

It is to be hoped, therefore, that the measure of Senator SICKELS may become law. And the same good wishes should attend any other proposition tending to widen the avenues of inquiry, until the broad principle shall be established, that no testimony relative to the facts at issue shall be withheld from the Jury, that they shall be alike the judges of its admissibility and credibility. Then a great and important law reform will have been accomplished.

Railroad Frauds in England.

Within the last year, respectability and public morality in England have sustained many severe shocks. Certain revelations concerning fictitious warrants, malpractices in the discount market, and the wholesale adulteration of articles of food, were "heavy blows and great discouragement." The failure of the "old reputable banking house" of STRAHAN, PAUL & BATES, aroused a perfect storm of indignation which the sentence of the culprits to fourteen years' transportation hardly allayed; and now we have another explosion very little inferior in point of magnitude, and the iniquity and fraud which it discloses, to that which exposed the premeditated villainy of the Strand bankers. We allude to the disclosures contained in the report recently made by the Committee of Shareholders of the Eastern Counties Railroad. It appears that the shareholders of this Company have, for a considerable time, remarked that, although the receipts of their Road were as large and the expenses not necessarily greater than those of any other road of the same extent, their dividends were always small; and being determined to arrive at a solution of this phenomenon, they appointed a Committee to overhaul the accounts and report generally. This Report contains charges of the gravest nature, compromising the reputation of three persons in particular, as well as several others in a less degree, connected with the direction of the Company. The three individuals are, Mr. WAINWRIGHT, M. P., Chairman of the Board of Directors; the Storekeeper of the Company, and the Locomotive Superintendent. It turns out that the Chairman became proprietor of a line of steamers to run in opposition to the Railroad, and finding that the enterprise did not pay, that he sold the steamers to the Company, that is, to himself, as Chairman. The storekeeper, a *protegé* of the Chairman, is found to have charged the Company for all the articles bought by him for the use of the road, ten, twenty, and even fifty per cent. more than they really cost—to have sold new articles, allowing the Company the price of old ones, and pocketing the difference himself. The last of this triad of respectabilities—the locomotive superintendent, believed to be the model of an upright and efficient officer—was in receipt of a salary of $3,000 a year, besides which he was allowed a per centage on whatever savings he could effect in the costs of management of the Road—as well as a per centage on the number of miles traveled by the trains. According to his own accounts, to which the Chairman invariably assented, he was thus entitled to a sum of $15,000 in the year 1852, to $20,000 in 1853, and to $30,000 in 1854, and no one can say what sum he would have claimed in 1855 had not the Committee, in the meantime, discovered that not only had he never saved anything, but that actually the estimated expenses had every year been exceeded. His mileage he also managed to increase by doing away with the heavy trains and dividing the freight between two or three smaller trains—and not contented with this, he had the barefaced audacity to buy carriages and trucks for his own account and let them out to the Company at $15,000 a year, although it was his principal duty to see that the rolling stock necessary for the proper working of the Road was always provided. The fraudulent winnings of this last culprit are said to have amounted on an average to no less a sum than $60,000 a year. These three are the principal offenders, and supposed to be partakers in each other's guilt and ill-gotten gains, but there are other directors implicated, and amongst them Lord ALFRED PAGET, younger son of the late Marquis of ANGLESEA, and Chamberlain to the Queen. He did not attend the meeting called to hear the report, but excused himself, "being on duty at Court." Mr. WAINWRIGHT not only attended, but claimed his right to preside, according to the act of Parliament; he stated that he "would very shortly refute these unfounded accusations," (which he has failed to do, although he has published an elaborate reply to the report,) "that he would continue to direct the affairs of the Road, and insist on his orders being obeyed, as his *sense of duty* would not permit him to allow the shareholders to deal with their property in such a suicidal manner." Notwithstanding this coolness, which many called effrontery, the report was adopted, a resolution carried to consult the law officers of the Crown to take such steps as the law will allow against the directors, and, in the meantime, that the direction shall be intrusted to the Committee, the employes of the Company being forbidden to obey the former directors.

From all this it would appear that the precise difference between *mine* and *thine* has become rather confused in England, particularly with regard to the property of public bodies, and it shows a serious defect in the law, that offences such as we have just recounted are not punishable. Within the last year three gross cases have occurred, where the offenders have been allowed to pass unpunished. The first was discovered at a trial where the Railway King HUDSON was sued for an improper issue of shares, and where he proved that he had applied the shares in question to bribing members of Committees of the House of Commons; the members are well known, and still retain their seats. The second case is that of Mr. MARTINEAU—also a member of the House of Commons—a Director of a Belgian Railway, who was lately convicted of fraud by the Belgian Courts of Justice for having improperly appropriated to himself 600,000 francs—moneys belonging to the Company; and the third was the large par-shares of shares for the Officers, which never arrived, were never lost, and about which nobody knows anything, and no inquiry has been instituted.

These fearful disclosures concerning the morality of the commercial world, the effect of the Board-room, and the general picture they afford of the commercial world in England, are likely to strike deep at the root of that social confidence upon which the whole system of credit is based. One knows not which to wonder at most—the daring iniquity of the offenders, or the passive indolence and blind confidence of the victims.

Another Proclamation from the Mayor.

Mayor WOOD has issued another proclamation, addressed to the Captains of Police, directing their attention to the disgraceful facts which we commented on yesterday, of the gross immoralities of our streets, and the constant violations of the laws which take place under the very eyes of the men who are paid to prevent them. The Mayor is very vigorous and commendable in his proclamations, which may be regarded as models in their way; but, it is unhappily the case, that there is a too constant necessity for their publication. These vermilion edicts were at first most encouraging and gratifying to the people, but they have now become so common as not to create any unusual excitement. Barking dogs are proverbial for not using their teeth, but we trust that the proverb will not apply to the solemn threatenings of the Mayor's proclamations. Making an example of one member of the Police Department, we cannot but think, would have a more wholesome effect than the loudest proclamation that could be issued.

Daniel Webster and Mr. Banks.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

SIR: Seven weeks after the assembling of Congress, the House of Representatives remains unorganized, and the Government paralyzed, because of the dire consequences that, in the apprehension of certain gentlemen, would follow the election of a presiding officer preferred by thirty votes more than have yet been concentrated on any other candidate. It is universally conceded that no man surpasses Mr. BANKS in personal qualifications for the Speaker's Chair; but his election will be the triumph of *secession*—a blow struck at the Union!

We think it should calm the agitated nerves of these horror-stricken gentlemen, to remember that Mr. BANKS and the Republican Party occupy precisely the position taken by Mr. WEBSTER, not only in several not-to-be-forgotten previous speeches, but also boldly and strongly in his speech of March 7, 1850. The principle thus to the breeze on the flag of the Republican Party, is "the extension of Slavery to territory now free." It is a principle to which the brightest stars in our political firmament irrevocably committed themselves for recorded debate. Mr. WEBSTER would not legislate where he believed immutable physical laws had shut Slavery out; as he maintained, emphatically we believe, was the case in New-Mexico and Utah.

"I would not," he said, "take pains uselessly to reaffirm an ordinance of nature, nor to reenact the will of God. I would put in no Wilmot Proviso for the mere purpose of a taunt or a reproach. I would put into it no evidence of the votes of a superior power, exercised for no purpose but to wound the pride, whether a just and rational pride or an irrational pride, of the citizens of the southern States."

But let it be shown that there is danger of Slavery getting a foothold, and the memories of Plymouth Rock and Bunker Hill will let the stout heart of the noble old man still its beatings no longer. If freedom requires it, he will act. Utah and New-Mexico, by congressional prohibition, if it be called for to make sure the result, shall be kept free from the polluting touch of slavery.

"* * * I propose to inflict no such wound upon any body, unless something essentially important to the country and efficient to the preservation of liberty and freedom is to be effected. * * * *Sir, wherever there is a substantial good to be done,* WHEREVER THERE IS A FOOT OF LAND TO BE PREVENTED FROM BECOMING SLAVE TERRITORY, I AM READY TO ARREST THE PROGRESS OF THE EXTENSION OF SLAVERY. *I am pledged to it from the year 1837; I have been pledged to it again and again;* AND I WILL PERFORM THOSE PLEDGES; but I will not do a thing unnecessarily that wounds the feelings of others, or that does discredit to my own understanding."

So spoke Mr. WEBSTER in his famous 7th of March speech.

But so for Mr. BANKS to speak is treason to the Union! The acknowledgment by the Democratic Party of the doctrine that WHEREVER THERE IS A FOOT OF LAND TO BE PREVENTED FROM BECOMING SLAVE TERRITORY, THE EXTENSION OF SLAVERY SHALL THERE BE ARRESTED, would be the instant dissolution of the Republican Party, that is formed solely to assert that principle. The accession of the principle events make vital to its practical realization. If this is disunion, Mr. BANKS and DANIEL WEBSTER are traitors in common. W.

A "Roving Englishman" in Turkish.

"Nemo me impune lacessit" is or might be the motto of the high and mighty Aristocracy of Great Britain near the Sublime Porte, as he has strikingly proved upon a late occasion. Some time since there issued from the press of a fashionable London Publisher, a talented and amusing book, entitled "*The Roving Englishman*," which, notwithstanding the absence of the author's name, and his evident desire to preserve a strict incognito, was discovered to be the production of Mr. GRANVILLE MURRAY, an attaché to the British Embassy in Constantinople.

The work contained animated descriptions of scenes and life in the East, occasionally interspersed with rather spicy and often bitter remarks upon men and things in Constantinople, in which the haughty Lord Viscount STRATFORD DE REDCLIFFE was not very flatteringly mentioned. The Foreign Office, fearing that the air of Constantinople might in consequence be prejudicial to the health of the youthful diplomatist, recalled him for a time, but he preferred "The land of the East, the clime of the sun," to the monotony of London life, and lately returned to occupy his former post in the English Embassy. On his arrival he hastened to report himself to his chief, who, after keeping him for several hours waiting, for an interview in the ante-chamber, sent him word "that he had not time to speak to him." "The Roving Englishman" withdrew to his hotel, had retired to bed, and was actually in the arms of Morpheus, when a messenger from His Excellency roused him from his slumbers, conveying the order that he should get ready to set out for England immediately, on the bearer of important dispatches. To hear was to obey. Lord STRATFORD remarked, after his departure, "If he comes back during the Winter, I answer for it, a land journey to Bucharest will effectually rid us of his presence." Verily, his Lordship is not a man to be trifled with.

Now-Orleans merchants complain bitterly, through the newspapers, of the existing accommodations of the Levee. This year there has been an extraordinary increase in the arrivals of steamboats, and cargoes have been immense. The receipts of Cotton this season have exceeded by 300,000 bales the amount brought in during the season of 1854-5. The receipts of flour have doubled; corn has quadrupled; pork increased one-third, and [illegible]

ALABAMA.

The Removal Act by Congress—Negro Slavery—The Legislature and Slavery—Correspondence of the New-York Daily Times.

ALABAMA, Tuesday, Jan. 15, 1856.

I cannot learn that anything has been done in the way of aid to the "border ruffians" of the State. The proposition to grant [illegible] for that object still lies on the table. A few days more will take the matter into his own hands, and I am [illegible] believe the papers, will assert that [illegible] from this State to defend the rights of the South on the plains of Kansas. We may get five hundred fools who, for their passage money, will [illegible] themselves to fight at the back of an irresponsible leader; but when once on the ground, the [illegible] five hundred will hang out of the range of Sharp's rifles.

The severe weather has partially prevented us from the annual shows which it is the delight of spectators to exhibit during the holidays. These parade their human cattle through all the principal streets of Southern towns and cities in single file, in double file, in all conceivable ways, to display their good points; they arrange them along the streets against the sides of houses, like so many wooden statues or bags of corn.

The term speculator belongs to these diplomas. If a man trades in horses, he is hailed a horse trader; if one buys and sells cotton, and thereby makes a profit, he is not a speculator, only a factor or commission, or something else. People do not like to speak of negro traders, it seems too near the title of man traders.

The Legislature has hardly convened since the holidays, and has done little of importance, except pass bills over the head of Gov. WINSTON. He takes special pains to apply the veto to all charters of literary institutions granted by the Legislature, and his own party constituents his severest critics for them afterwards by an almost unanimous vote. The Governor thinks something can be made out of the old school law, and so consulting whomever he believes stands in his way to Executive [illegible].

Yours, &c.

The Rev. Dr. Hamilton—An Unmerited Slander.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

In the DAILY TIMES of last Saturday, the 19th inst., there was an extract from a Philadelphia paper, wherein many serious and grave charges are made to the injury of one the Rev. Dr. HAMILTON, and the manner in which he has conducted himself in his pastorate. The author of the article, or the unscrupulous correspondent who furnished it to the Philadelphia paper, has evidently drawn his own inferences, and then, with the usual recklessness of slander, has given them as facts.

In the first place, the paper referred to has named as not a bachelor, but a married man, in consequence of ill health, being a married invalid, he resigned that office at the last General Conference, which met at Boston in 1852. In the second place, Dr. HAMILTON never was charged with the crime named, nor do I suppose any person would believe him guilty of it, or of anything of the kind.

The simple fact is, that a man of [illegible] character, a member of the Conference [illegible] and religious [illegible] Dr. HAMILTON [illegible] was, but which, without Dr. HAMILTON's knowledge, he was called to retire, [illegible] and slander, and unjustly [illegible] persons to the same Mr. HAMILTON [illegible] friend in the matter referred to. [illegible] mistake the [illegible] and the [illegible] thorship of the false statement [illegible] made, and which I suppose is now in the hands of the papers.

VINCENT.

Constitutional Freedom.

We have learned with over Brooklyn is the only place which asked for the divorce of the portion that now form the Constitutional City of Brooklyn; that have searched pretty nearly to value in Rev. Williams burg we did, indeed, find some Americans, but none who gave a better reason than that the present trade about the late City Hall of Williamsburg had been spoiled by the change. The majority, however, comment that it cannot be allowed to have such sets of officers thus one to [illegible] Municipal Government over an equal portion of Indeed, the sentiment grows inquiry, that a complete division of these Long Island cities would be the most easily being place. There may be, indeed, a reluctance to change, [illegible] we value, and some may imagine that, [illegible] on, the honor of the Brooklyn [illegible] is increased. It might be so for a time, but permanently it is evident. Consolidation would settle the claim of New-York to be [illegible] on the Long Island side of East River. It would make Brooklyn the residence to it is now the factory of New-York. Also, the water front, there are not now, would be [illegible] demand, commerce would take up the [illegible] and all hands would be better [illegible] this arrangement to put a long way off, and it would [illegible] to be [illegible] the way down to the Hudson County line.

The Constitutional Convention.

It has been a matter of much conversation and [illegible] that the name of Mr. James [illegible] the [illegible] more than good [illegible] Though he was one of the [illegible] ability, and which I suppose is now in the hands of the papers.

VINCENT.

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ISSUE CREDITS FOR TRAVELLERS,
Available in any part of the world.

ON SALE.
CITY OF CLEVELAND 7 per cent. Bonds, (Water Loan.)
CITY OF DETROIT 7 per cent. Bonds, (Water Loan.)
CITY OF CINCINNATI 6 per cent. Bonds.
CITY OF CHICAGO 6 per cent. Bonds.
CITY OF MILWAUKEE 7 per cent. Bonds.
CITY OF SACRAMENTO 10 per cent. Bonds, by
DUNCAN, SHERMAN & CO., Bankers,
No. 52 William-st.

CLINTON LINE RAILROAD BONDS.—CLINTON LINE EXTENSION BONDS.—The above Bonds, now on sale, are First Mortgage Seven per cent. Bonds, with semi-annual Coupons attached, payable in the City of New-York, and secured on a large amount of value, with additional provision of a sinking fund.

These roads are connecting links in the chain of roads associated under the name of the American Central Railway, now in advanced progress of construction, with uniform gauge to the Missouri River—the longest, most direct, level and central, as well as the cheapest chain of railways on the continent.

The Clinton Line Railroad is the extension of the New-York and Erie and Sunbury and Erie Lines, from the point where they unite at the east line of Ohio, continuing the direct route through the table lands of the Central Western Valley, opening the easiest and best communication with the great commercial centres of the West, avoiding ferries and drawbridges, except temporarily over the Mississippi, and all unnecessary transhipments. It completes economically the commanding route for the five stock traffic of the Western Valley.

The attention of all parties purchasing investments of a safe and remunerative character, is invited to the more detailed exhibits of the Companies, which will be furnished them at the office of

WHEELER, BROTHERS & CO., No. 10 Wall-st.
or T. E. MCEWEN, No. 30 William-st.

UNITED STATES TRUST COMPANY OF NEW-YORK.—No. 49 Wall-st.—CAPITAL $1,000,000.—This Company is a legal depository for moneys paid into Court, and is authorized to act as guardian and receiver of estates.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS by order of any Court in this State, (including Surrogate's,) a per cent. Also, from individuals or corporations for a period of six months, or on 30 days' notice, 5 per cent. For a less period, or payable at shorter notice, 4 per cent.

JOSEPH LAWRENCE, President.
JOHN A. STEWART, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE NEW-YORK GAS LIGHT COMPANY,
No. 14 PINE-ST., New-York, Jan. 21, 1856.

AT AN ELECTION—Held at this office on the 14th inst., the following named gentlemen were chosen Directors of this Company for the ensuing year:
William W. Fox, John J. Palmer, Jos. Kunzhan,
Nelsh Taylor, David Hadden, Joseph Walker,
Thos. C. Doremus, Jr., Jas. Livingston, J. Phillips Phoenix,
Gray Hawkes, Edw. A. Woolley, Joseph Sampson,
and Lind. M. Hoffman.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board, WILLIAM W. FOX was unanimously reelected President, JOHN MOWTON Manager, and C. L. EVERETT Secretary.

DRAFTS ON ENGLAND, IRELAND AND SCOTLAND.—We draw on
UNION BANK of LONDON,
NATIONAL BANK of SCOTLAND,
BELFAST BANKING COMPANY, IRELAND.
Payable at sight in sums from £1 upward, at 24 per £.
TAYLOR BROTHERS, Bankers,
No. 78 Wall-st., New-York.
Drafts sent to any address in this or the Old Country.

OFFICE OF THE SECOND-AV. R. R. CO., 42d-st. and 2d-av.,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 4, 1856.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Company, will be held on MONDAY, February next, at the Office of the Company, corner of 42d-st. and 2d-av., from 12 o'clock till 2. The Transfer Books will be closed from date until after the election.
By order. P. C. ROGERS, Secretary.

BONDS.—CLINTON LINE RAILROAD 1st mortgage Bonds.
CLINTON LINE EXTENSION RAILROAD 1st mortgage Bonds.
CRAWFORD COUNTY, TENN., 6 per cent. Bonds.
$30,000 LOUISIANA CITY 8 per cent. Coupon Bonds.
For sale by WHEELER, BROS. & CO., No. 10 Wall-st.

OFFICE OF THE BROADWAY INSURANCE COMPANY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 11, 1856.—The annual election for Directors of this Company will be held at the office, No. 402 Broadway, corner Howard-st., on TUESDAY, 22d inst. Poll open from 1 until 2 o'clock P. M.
JOHN WRAY, Secretary.

$5,000 ON $6,000 WANTED—On real estate worth more than double the amount, situated in the city of Rockford, Ill. A liberal interest will be paid. Apply at No. 35 Bowery.
FOSTER, LEE & CO.

STOCKS BOUGHT AND SOLD—On commission only, and business paper and loans negotiated by R. O. CROMMELIN, No. 10 Wall-st., office of Wheeler Bros. & Co.

INSURANCE.

PEOPLE'S FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY
of the City of New-York.
OFFICES Nos. 179 CANAL-ST. AND 27 WILLIAM-ST.
Cash Capital $150,000, with a surplus, all invested in securities of the very best character.
RICHARD VARICK, President.
W. F. UNDERHILL, Secretary.

THE FARMERS' AND MECHANICS' FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA.
CAPITAL $200,000. ASSETS, $311,383.
Hon. THOMAS R. FLORENCE, President.
EDWARD R. HELMBOLD, Secretary.

The Company has complied with the law of the State, and, as special security for the assured in New-York, it has provided for an ascending Trust Fund to the amount of $150,000, to be held by their Bankers, Messrs. DUNCAN, SHERMAN & CO., from which losses will be promptly paid, when adjusted at the Agency.
OFFICE No. 10 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK.
AMBROSE W. THOMPSON, Att'y and Agent.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS.

Assets.	Par Value.	Cash Value.
Cash in hand and at Bankers'	$21,859	$21,859
20 Allegheny County (C. P.) Bonds	20,000	1,620
22 Allegheny County (A. V.) Bonds	22,000	18,840
22 Delaware Railroad Bonds	22,000	22,400
32 Pittsburg City Six per cents	32,000	30,400
25 Reading Railroad Bonds	12,500	12,000
70 Philadelphia City six per cents	10,000	9,850
Loans on Mortgage—Assessor's sworn value	88,805	51,000
Loans on Collaterals—Value Collateral	58,000	25,000
Bills receivable	6,924	6,924
Balance of Capital secured by Subscription	97,700	97,700
Par Value of Assets	$420,818	
Cash Value of Assets		$311,383

State of Pennsylvania, County of Philadelphia, ss.—Thomas R. Florence, President, and Edward R. Helmbold, Secretary, of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Insurance Company, being severally duly sworn, depose and say, and each for himself says, that the foregoing is a true, full and correct statement of the affairs of the said Corporation, and that they are the above described officers.
THOMAS R. FLORENCE, President.
EDWARD R. HELMBOLD, Secretary.
Subscribed and affirmed before me, this 15th day of November, 1855. CHARLES D. FREEMAN,
Alderman and Justice of the Peace.

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY.
STATE OF NEW-YORK, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
ALBANY, Nov. 16, 1855.

Whereas, The Farmers' and Mechanics' Insurance Company, located at Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, has complied with all the requisitions of the act entitled, "An act to provide for the incorporation of Fire Insurance Companies," passed June 22, 1852, by appointing Ambrose W. Thompson, of New-York, in the County of New-York, as its Attorney, on whom process of law can be served, and, also, complying with the requirements of said act; now, therefore, I, James M. Cook, Comptroller of the State of New-York, in pursuance of the provisions of the act aforesaid, do hereby certify that Ambrose W. Thompson, of New-York, in the County of New-York, is authorized as Agent of the aforesaid Company, to transact the business of Insurance in this State, so far as he may be legally empowered by his letter of appointment and the instructions which may be given to him by the said Company.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name, and caused the seal of my office (L. S.) to be affixed, the day and year above written.
JAMES M. COOK, Comptroller.
H. R. HASWELL, Insurance Clerk.

OFFICE OF THE COMMERCIAL INSURANCE CO.,
No. 3 MONTGOMERY-STREET, JERSEY CITY, Jan. 14, 1856.

NOTICE.—At the annual election for Directors of this Company, held this day, the following gentlemen were duly elected, viz:

DIRECTORS.

J. L. Burrit, Pres.	J. M. Chapman,	Wm. D. Russell,
B. B. Grinnell,	G. S. Gardner,	Jos. W. Angus,
Wm. M. Giles,	Ezra Towne,	J. R. Chapman,
M. F. Bass,	M. H. Bean,	H. R. Smittner,
Geo. J. Mankin,		

J. M. CHAPMAN, Secretary.

PETER COOPER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.—New-York, Jan. 14, 1856.—DIVIDEND.—The Directors of this Company have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of five per cent, payable at the Office of the Company (corner of 3d-av. and 9th-st.) on and after the 1st day of February next. The Transfer books will be closed from the 20th inst. until the 2d day of February. By order.
WM. H. HIBLER, Secretary.

THE IRVING FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.—Offices Nos. 2 Wall-st. and 358 Greenwich-st. Cash Capital $200,000, with a surplus, insures buildings, merchandise, furniture, vessels in port and their cargoes, and other property, against loss or damage by fire.
MARSH L. CRAWFORD, Sec. MASON THOMPSON, Pres.

NEW PATENT SUSPENDERS.—They [illegible] Fancy Goods Store, No. 1 Park-row, opposite Astor House. Open 9 o'clock A. M. to 9 P. M.

MEDICAL.

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DIVIDENDS.

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THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES [illegible] this day, declared a dividend of [illegible] per cent, payable on and after the 1st day of February next.

They have declared a further dividend of six and one quarter per cent, on the capital stock, payable to the stockholders, in cash and scrip, on demand.

The Trustees also declared a dividend of six per cent, in cash, on the unsettled policies, payable on demand.

The object of this Company, which combines the mutual principle with a cash capital, provides that after the payment of losses and expenses, the remaining profits shall be equitably apportioned between the shareholders and the policy holders, and the policy holders thereby to participate in the profits of the Company, together with the capital, shall exceed ONE MILLION OF DOLLARS.

CASH CAPITAL, $150,000—WITH LARGE SURPLUS.

TRUSTEES.

Charles S. Russell,	Joseph Collins,
Daniel Ballantine,	Joseph Gaillard, Jr.,
William H. Russell,	Jas. P. Wadsworth,
Augustus D. Dunning,	George Curtis,
Gouverneur Lansing,	George T. Adee,
Wm. Butler Duncan,	John J. Adee, Jr.,
N. H. Wolfe,	Fred'k A. Duncan,
Isaac Townsend,	Abraham Ball,
James Weir,	Daniel Dodge Smith,
Arthur Leary,	Frederick S. Foster,
Mortimer W. Hamilton,	Peter Hall,
Deaning Guer,	Robert S. Hone,
John Stewart, Jr.,	Samuel V. Hoffman,
Robert B. Minturn,	Jacob Anthony, Jr.,
Reuben Withers,	J. P. Giraud Foster,
Edward G. Coster,	John A. C. Gray.

ROBERT S. HONE, President.
D. F. CURRY, Secretary.

SAVINGS BANK DIVIDEND.—EAST RIVER SAVINGS INSTITUTION, No. 8 Chambers-st., New-York.—The depositors are hereby notified that a semi-annual dividend at the rate of five per cent. per annum will be paid on account for the 31st inst., during the hours of business at the Bank, upon all sums of Five Dollars and upward, and less than Five Hundred Dollars, and four per cent. per annum upon all sums of Five Hundred Dollars and upward, which have been deposited at least three months previous to the 1st inst.

All interest not called for will be placed to the credit of the depositor as principal.

This Bank is open for the transaction of business every day from 10 o'clock A. M. until 2 o'clock P. M., and on THURSDAY from 5 to 7 o'clock P. M.

By order of the Board.
PETER H. TITUS, President.
CHARLES A. WHITNEY, Secretary.

The Board of Directors have resolved to pay six per cent. interest on all sums under Five Hundred Dollars, and five per cent. on all sums over Five Hundred Dollars, which shall be deposited for at least three months previous to July next.

OFFICE OF THE OHIO LIFE INSURANCE AND TRUST COMPANY.—New-York, Jan. 14, 1856.—NOTICE.—The Directors of the CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURG RAILROAD COMPANY have declared a dividend of five per cent. from the net earnings of the Company to the 30th November, 1855, to be paid to the Stockholders of the Main Line and Branches on Extension, in the Bonds of the Company payable on the 1st day of January, 1857, with a like amount, at the option of the Company, on the first day of July and January, in the City of New-York. The above dividend will be paid to Stockholders registered in New-York, at the Office of the Ohio Life Insurance and Trust Company, on the 1st of February next, and to other Stockholders at the same time at the Office of the Company in Cleveland.
(Signed.) B. ROCKWELL, Secretary.
OFFICE OF C. & P. R. R. CO., Jan. 2, 1856.
The Transfer Books of the Company are now opened.

TRUSTEE'S OFFICE, CLEVELAND, COLUMBUS AND CINCINNATI RAILROAD COMPANY,
CLEVELAND, Jan. 2, 1856.

AN EXTRA DIVIDEND OF FIVE PER CENT. on the Capital Stock of this Company, has been declared, payable in scrip, from the surplus earnings of the Company, to such as are Stockholders, respectively, on the 31st day of December last. Said new issue of Stock to be entitled to dividends from 1st inst.

Stockholders registered on the Books of the Company in New-York, will be paid on and after the 21st inst., at the Banking Office of Messrs. WINSLOW, LANIER & CO., No. 52 Wall-st.

All fractional shares will be paid in cash.
By order of the Board. T. P. HANDY, Treasurer.

THE TRUSTEES OF THE SEAMEN'S BANK FOR SAVINGS—Have ordered that interest be paid to depositors entitled thereto for the six months ending Dec. 31, 1855, as follows:

On sums of five hundred dollars and under, at the rate of six per cent per annum; and on sums exceeding five hundred dollars, at the rate of five per cent. per annum, payable on and after MONDAY, 21st inst.

All interest will be credited to depositors as principal.
WILLIAM NELSON, Secretary. F. PERIT, President.
New-York, Jan. 16, 1856.

OFFICE OF THE SIXTH-AV. RAILROAD COMPANY,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 21, 1856.

THE DIRECTORS OF this Company have declared a Dividend of FOUR PER CENT. out of the earnings of the road for the current six months, payable at the office of the Treasurer, GODFREY W. LEARE, Esq., Cashier, at the People's Bank, on the 1st day of FEBRUARY next, the end of their fiscal year. The Transfer books are closed until that day.
T. BAILEY MYERS, Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA AND READING RAILROAD COMPANY.—Office No. 78 South-st., New-York, January 14, 1856.—DIVIDEND NOTICE.—A dividend has been declared of four per cent. on the preferred and common stock, payable in cash, clear of State tax; also a dividend in common stock on the preferred and common stock of four per cent., payable and deliverable on the 4th of February next.
By order of the Board of Managers.
J. BRADFORD, Secretary.

WESTERN VERMONT RAILROAD.—The Interest Coupons, No. 7, First Mortgage Bonds, due July 1, 1854, with Interest thereon, will be paid at the Mechanics' Bank, New-York, on and after the 1st day of February next. The amount of each coupon and interest to be paid is $22 75, thirty-eight $2,100 dollars, on bonds of $1,000 each, and one half that amount on bonds of $500 each.
J. KNAPP, Receiver.

THE OSWEGO AND SYRACUSE RAILROAD COMPANY have declared a dividend of four per cent., payable on and after the 1st of February next. Stockholders residing at the City of New-York will be paid at the Union Bank in Albany, at the New-York Gas Bank in Utica, at the Oneida Bank in Syracuse, at the Bank of Syracuse; all others at the office of the Treasurer.
Oswego, Jan. 8, 1856. L. WRIGHT, Treasurer.

DIVIDEND.—BROOKLYN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.—The Board of Directors of this Company have declared a semi-annual dividend of 10 per cent. on the capital stock, payable on and after the 1st day of February next, at their office, No. 6 Merchants' Exchange, New-York. The transfer books will be closed from the 21st inst. to the 1st of February inclusive.
WM. F. LEGGETT, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE COLUMBIA FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
No. 50 Barclay-st., corner of College-place.

DIVIDEND.—Jan. 9, 1856.—The President and Directors of the Columbia Fire Insurance Company, have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of five per cent., payable at the office of the Company on and after the 10th inst. The transfer books will be closed until that date.
JOHN G. BERGH, Secretary.

DIVIDEND.—RUTGER'S FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.—Office No. 226 Chatham-square, corner Mott-st.—The Board of Directors of this Company have declared a Semi-Annual Dividend of SIX (6) PER CENT., payable on and after the 1st FEBRUARY next. The Transfer Books will be closed from the 24th inst. to the 1st February inclusive.
EDWARD B. FELLOWS, Secretary.

THE OHIO LIFE INSURANCE AND TRUST COMPANY, CINCINNATI, OHIO, Jan. 7, 1856.—The Board of Trustees of this institution have this day declared a dividend of four per cent. on the capital stock, from the net earnings for the last six months, payable in Cincinnati on demand, or at the Office of the Company in New-York, on and after the 15th inst. By order,
W. GREENE, Secretary.

OFFICE PARAGON RAILROAD COMPANY,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 7, 1856.

DIVIDEND NOTICE. The Board of Directors of this Company have this day declared a dividend of six per cent. out of the net earnings of the road, payable on after the 10th inst. at the office of the Company, No. 76 Broadway. FRANCIS SPIES, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE FARMERS' LOAN AND TRUST COMPANY,
No. 36 Exchange place, New-York, Jan. 19, 1856.

DIVIDEND.—The Terre Haute and Richmond Railroad Company have declared a dividend of 4 per cent. out of the earnings for the six months ending Dec. 31, 1855, payable to the Eastern Stockholders on and after the 23d inst., at this office. GEO. P. FITCH, Sec'y.

DIVIDEND.—BEEKMAN FIRE INSURANCE CO., No. 128 Wall-st.—The Board of Directors of the Company have declared a semi-annual dividend of seven per cent., payable on and after the 1st of February next. The transfer books will be closed from the 20th inst. to the 1st February, inclusive.
STEPHEN B. CONGER, Secretary.

DIVIDEND.—CLINTON FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.—The Board of Directors of this Company have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of ten (10) per cent., payable on and after the 5th inst. The transfer book will be closed until that day.
JAMES B. AMES, Jr., Sec.

OFFICE OF THE ARCTIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.—New-York, Jan. 9, 1856.—The Board of Directors of this Company have this day declared a Semi-Annual Dividend of five per cent., payable on and after the 14th inst.
RICHARD A. OAKLEY, Secretary.

MARKET FIRE INSURANCE CO.—Office No. 200 Pearl-st., New-York, Jan. 8, 1856.—The Board of Directors of this Company have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of Ten per cent. on the capital stock of the Company, payable on the 16th inst.
ASHER TAYLOR, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE HARMONY FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
No. 6 Broad-st., New-York, Jan. 21, 1856.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THIS Company have this day declared a semi-annual Dividend of Ten (10) per cent., payable on demand. E. G. GLOVER, Secretary.

TOLEDO AND ILLINOIS AND LAKE ERIE WABASH AND ST. LOUIS RAILROAD COMPANIES.—The Interest Coupons of these companies, due 1st Feb. next, will be paid at No. 52 William-st., corner of Pine, by R. WHITEHOUSE, SON & MORISON.

LINEN PLAYING CARDS.

LINEN PLAYING CARDS.—Southern and Western dealers and club-houses will find a complete assortment of well-seasoned playing cards of all qualities of the Zoeth of the Philadelphia Card Factory, at HALL HART & CO., 1 Barclay-st., opposite Astor-House.

BANK NOTICES.

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BANK NOTICE.—MECHANICS AND FARMERS' BANK, PUTNAM COUNTY.—[illegible]

SAVINGS BANK.—MARINER'S SAVINGS INSTITUTION, No. [illegible] Open to all classes of persons, daily, from 9 A. M. to 2 P. M., and on MONDAY and SATURDAY EVENINGS, from 6 to 8 o'clock. [illegible]

IRVING SAVINGS INSTITUTION, No. 96 Warren-st.—DIVIDENDS.—This Institution declared a SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND of [illegible] per cent. on all sums of [illegible] Five and six months, payable on and after the 21st inst. All interest not called for will draw interest as principal. Open daily from 10 to 1 A. M. and 4 to 7 P. M.
ANT. WALKER, W. CONGDON, Jr., Secretaries.
WM. E. DULLEY, President.
WM. H. VAN PELT, Vice-President.
TRUSTEES: L. Bergen, [illegible]

ROME HILL SAVINGS BANK, [illegible] Rome, one door above Hester, Open daily, from 10 to 1 A. M. and 4 to 7 P. M. [illegible] Interest will be added to the principal [illegible]

THE TRUSTEES OF THE SEAMEN'S BANK FOR SAVINGS—Have ordered that interest be paid to depositors entitled thereto for the six months ending Dec. 31, 1855, as follows: [illegible]
WILLIAM NELSON, Secretary. F. PERIT, President.

EAST RIVER SAVINGS BANK, No. 8 Chambers-st., [illegible] Interest will be added to the principal [illegible]

CONTINENTAL BANK, [illegible] Office, No. 52 Wall-st. [illegible] will be open from 10 o'clock M. to 1 P. M.
R. [illegible]

IRVING BANK.—New-York, [illegible] Interest will be added to the principal [illegible] on Monday, Feb. 4. The polls will be open from 1 to 2 o'clock P. M. DAN'L T. H. HUNTINGTON, Cashier.

FOR CALIFORNIA.

FOR CALIFORNIA.—GREAT REDUCTION OF FARE.—Reduced to [illegible] cents per round.—DATE OF SAILING CHANGED TO 8TH AND 24TH OF EACH MONTH.—NEW-YORK AND CALIFORNIA STEAMSHIP LINE, VIA NICARAGUA.—Accuracy, Transit, Comfort, Speed, Safety. Through in advance of the mail steamers by any other route.

Table with columns of fare for first cabin, second cabin, steerage. [illegible]

LIGHT.—[illegible] will leave for the Transit, on THURSDAY, Jan. 24, connecting with the steamship SIERRA NEVADA, [illegible] the Nicaragua Transit Route; having [illegible] the Nicaragua route, [illegible] the contending parties, and [illegible] the Transit between the Oceans. For information [illegible] MORGAN, Agent, No. 3 Bowling-green. [illegible] for 65 cents each.

COAL.

LACKAWANNA COAL AT REFUSE.—The DELAWARE AND HUDSON CANAL COMPANY is prepared to furnish Lackawanna Coal [illegible] free of cartage at Five Dollars per [illegible] The Company's Yards are at foot of [illegible] Gouverneur and Front sts.; [illegible] and on Furman, between [illegible] Brooklyn, at office of which [illegible] at the office, No. 20 William-st., [illegible]

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.

HALLETT, BRO., HIPPLEWHITE, MANUFACTURERS, [illegible] Pianos, Melodeons, Harmoniums and Organs, [illegible] store of COOK & BRO., [illegible] invite attention to the beautiful [illegible] authority can be seen on application. HALLETT BRO.

FIRST PREMIUM PIANO-FORTES.—[illegible] Manufactory, 91 STEINWAY-AV., [illegible] Broadway. [illegible] Baltimore. [illegible] We have just been [illegible] Gold Medal, by the Institute of the American Union in the Great Industrial Palace, for the best Pianos.

A LARGE AND VARIED ASSORTMENT OF PIANO-FORTES AND MELODEONS, [illegible] H. W. Smith Hosten, near the [illegible] 429 Broadway, corner Canal-st.
H. S. MATHEWS, Sole Agent.

GREAT IMPROVEMENT IN PIANO-FORTES.—Messrs. LIGHTE, [illegible] BURTS, No. 422 Broadway, [illegible] street plank, which is [illegible] improvement ever introduced into Pianos. [illegible]

PIANOS.—Only four [illegible] at about half price to close the concern. [illegible] before 3 o'clock, at No. 80 William-st., [illegible] Broadway. W. GEDNEY & CO.

HASELTON BROS.—PIANO-FORTE MANUFACTURERS, 239 Canal-st., [illegible] a fine assortment of their celebrated Pianos, of [illegible] and unexcelled [illegible] purity of tone, finish, [illegible]

J. & C. BECHER'S PIANO-FORTE MANUFACTORY AND WAREROOMS, [illegible] to 251 West 30th-st., near 8th-av. Pianos with the last improvements and warranted. Second-hand Pianos from $50 to $100. Pianos tuned, repaired, exchanged and [illegible]

PIANOS, MELODEONS, HARMONIUMS AND MUSIC.—[illegible] in the City, at the lowest price for cash, or rented, or hire purchase by [illegible] Broadway, sole agent for Halletts, Davis & Co.'s celebrated Pianos, and Mason & Hamlin's musical instruments.

11 PIANO-FORTES AND THREE MELODEONS TO LET AT [illegible] month, or for sale on the [illegible] and one Melodeon [illegible] and piano tuned, by M. DUMBADY, [illegible]

J. LAUKOTA & SARGENT, Piano-Forte Manufacturers, [illegible] New-York. Pianos tuned and repaired and taken in exchange. Pianos to let.

PIANOS, PIANOS.—All the best kind [illegible] premium, No. 128 Chambers-st. [illegible] warranted. Also on account of [illegible] 4 cups for children. One price. J. H. ELLOOD.

CITY BANK STATEMENTS.

STATEMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK.

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RAILROADS.

AMERICAN LAKE SHORE RAILROAD LINE.

BUFFALO AND ERIE, CLEVELAND AND ERIE, AND CLEVELAND AND TOLEDO RAILROADS.

CONNECTING with Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana Railroads, the quickest and best route to Chicago, St. Louis, &c. Passengers booked to Toledo, Chicago, St. Louis, Rock Island, Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Dayton, Springfield, Fort Wayne, Bellefontaine, Tiffin, Findlay, Sandusky, &c.

WINTER ARRANGEMENT.

MONDAY, November 19, 1855.

1. EXPRESS TRAIN.—Leaves Buffalo at 1 A. M., Cleveland, 9.30 P. M., for Toledo, Chicago, St. Louis, &c., connecting at Toledo with 3 P. M. train on M. S. Railroad, reaching Chicago at 7.30 A. M., and connecting with trains for St. Louis, and reaching there at 11 P. M.

2. LIGHTNING EXPRESS.—Leaves Buffalo at 10.40 A. M., Cleveland 6 P. M., for Toledo, Chicago, Cincinnati, &c., reaching Toledo at 11 P. M., Chicago 8 A. M., Cincinnati 6.30 A. M.

3. NIGHT EXPRESS.—Leaves Buffalo at 11 P. M., Cleveland 8 A. M., for Toledo, Chicago, Cincinnati, &c. Passengers by this train reach Toledo at 12.30 P. M., Cincinnati 6.30 P. M., Chicago 10.30 P. M., in season to take the train for St. Louis, reaching there at 3 P. M., on the following day; also connecting at Chicago with Chicago and Rock Island Railroad, for Davenport, Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin, and Illinois Central Railroads.

ALSO FROM CLEVELAND.

MAIL TRAIN!

At 9.15 A. M., via Norwalk, stopping at all way stations, and reaching Toledo at 8.17 P. M.

through tickets can be procured at all the principal Railroad Ticket Offices.

E. B. PHILLIPS, Superintendent.

Office of the Cleveland and Toledo R. R. Co.
Cleveland, Ohio, Nov. 19, 1855.

GREAT CENTRAL ROUTE.

The Through Tickets and Freight Offices of the GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY, MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILROAD, and their Railroad and Steamboat connections West to Chicago, Milwaukee, Galena, Burlington, St. Louis, Cairo and all points West and Southwest, by the Suspension Bridge, Buffalo or Detroit, are at No. 175 Broadway, Exchange Hotel, corner of Cortlandt-st.

DARIUS CLARK, Agent.

NEW INLAND ROUTE TO PROVIDENCE, TAUNTON, NEW-BEDFORD, and old PROVIDENCE, HARTFORD AND FISHKILL RAILROAD.—Express train leaves Hartford after arrival of express train of New-York and New-Haven and New-Haven, Hartford and Springfield Railroads from New-York at 6 o'clock A. M., arriving at Providence at 9.45 P. M., connecting with trains for Taunton, New-Bedford, Boston, Worcester, &c.

Morning Train leaves Providence at 8.15 and reaches Hartford in connect with express train for New-Haven and New-York.

Trains run also as follows:

Hartford for Providence 7.10 A. M., arriving at 10.30 A. M., connecting with trains for Boston and Worcester, &c.

Providence for Hartford 3.15 P. M., arriving 7 P. M.; connecting with express train for New-Haven and New-York.

Waterbury for Hartford 7.50 A. M. and 1.04 P. M.

Hartford for Waterbury 10.10 A. M. and 6.35 P. M.

For local trains and other connections see *Pathfinder* Railway Guide, &c.

Trains arrive at and leave same stations at Hartford and Providence as those of Roads connecting as above.

J. W. BACON, Agent, Hartford.
I. A. BROOKS, Agent, Providence.

NEW-YORK AND ERIE RAILROAD.—On and after MONDAY, Dec. 31, 1855, and until further notice, Passenger Trains will leave Pier 3[illegible] of Duane-st., as follows, viz.:

Buffalo Express at 7 A. M., for Buffalo direct, without change of baggage and cars. At Hornellsville this Train connects with a Way Train for Dunkirk and all Stations on the Western Division. Mail, at 5.45 A. M., for Dunkirk and Buffalo, and intermediate Stations. Passengers by this Train will remain over night at Owego, and proceed the next morning. Newburg Express, at 4 P. M., for Newburg direct, without change of cars. Rockland Passenger, at 4 P. M., for all Stations on Piermont and intermediate stations. Way Passenger, at 4 P. M., for Otisville, and intermediate stations. Night Express, at 6 P. M., for Dunkirk and Buffalo. Emigrant, at 8 P. M., for Dunkirk and Buffalo and intermediate stations. On Sunday, only one Express Train at 4 P. M. These Express Trains connect at Elmira with the Elmira and Niagara Falls Railroad, for Niagara Falls, Buffalo, and Dunkirk with the Lake Shore Railroad for Cleveland, Cincinnati, Toledo, Detroit, Chicago, &c.

D. C. MCCALLUM, General Superintendent.

HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD.—Trains leave Chambers-st. Daily, for Albany and Troy.

On and after MONDAY, Jan. 21, 1856, the trains will run as follows: Express Train 7 A. M., connecting with Northern and Western Trains.

Through Way Train, 10 A. M. Express Train 5 P. M.

For Poughkeepsie at 9 A. M. and 3.30 P. M.

For Peekskill, 5.30 P. M. For Sing Sing, at 4 P. M. The Sing Sing and Peekskill Trains stop at all the Way Stations.

Passengers taken at Chambers, Canal, Christopher and 31st-sts.

SUNDAY MAIL TRAIN at 4 P. M., from Canal-st., for Albany, stopping at all Mail Stations.

M. L. SYKES, Jr., Superintendent.

PHILADELPHIA AND READING RAILROAD COMPANY, Office No. 78 South 4th-st.—PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24, 1855.—Notice is hereby given that the Transfer Books of the stock of this Company will be closed on TUESDAY, 1st January, and be reopened on 15th January next. Holders of certificates of scrip have been discharged from this office, or either of the Transfer Agencies, are particularly requested to have them registered in the Transfer Books, to which they have been transferred prior to 1st January. By order of the Board of Managers.

J. BRADFORD, Secretary and Treasurer.

WINTER ARRANGEMENTS.—NEW-YORK TO RUTLAND, BURLINGTON, MONTREAL and OGDENSBURG.—The only direct through line leave by Hudson River Railroad at 10 P. M.; arrive at Troy at 3.30 P. M.; take cars of Troy and Boston Railroad; arrive at Rutland at 9 P. M., lodge; leave at 6.40 A. M.; arrive at Burlington at 9.30, Plattsburg and Rouse's Point 12, noon, and Ogdensburg and Montreal same afternoon; leave New-York at 5 P. M., lodge at Troy; leave by Troy and Boston Railroad at 6 A. M.

ISAAC V. BAKER, Supt.

CENTRAL RAILROAD OF NEW-JERSEY.—In connection with the Lehigh Valley Railroad, opened to Mauch Chunk. WINTER ARRANGEMENT, commencing Nov. 19, 1855. Leave New-York for Mauch Chunk from Pier No. 2 North River, at 7.30 A. M. For Easton, at 7.30 A. M. and 3.15 P. M. For Somerville, at 5.30 and 10.45 A. M., 3.15 and 4.30 P. M. The above trains connect at Elizabeth with trains on the New-Jersey Railroad, leaving New-York from foot of Cortlandt-st., at 7.30 and 11 A. M., 3 and 4 P. M.

JOHN O. STEARNS, Superintendent.

NEW-JERSEY RAILROAD.—FOR PHILADELPHIA and the South and West *via* Jersey City—Mail and Express Lines. Leave New-York at 8 and 11 A. M. and 4 and 6 P. M. (See 6; 12 M., 6); stopping at all way stations. Through tickets sold for Cincinnati ($17 and $16.50) and the West, and for Baltimore, Washington, Norfolk, &c., and through baggage checked to Washington is 6 A. M. and 6 P. M.

J. W. WOODRUFF, Assistant Superintendent.

MICHIGAN SOUTHERN RAILROAD LINE.—Travelers for CHICAGO, ST. LOUIS, KANSAS, and all points West and Southwest, can obtain through tickets, and all information concerning routes, fare, &c., either by the New-York and Erie Railroad, or New-York Central Railroad, by application at the Company's Office, No. 192 Broadway, corner Day-st., to

JOHN F. PORTER, General Agent.

CAMDEN AND AMBOY RAILROAD FOR PHILADELPHIA.—Will until further notice leave Pier No. 1 North River at 10 o'clock A. M. Fare $2 26. The 6 A. M. and 3 P. M. Lines are discontinued.

EMIGRANT LINES.

At 1 and 4 o'clock P. M. as usual.

IRA BLISS, Agent.

ZINC PAINTS.

ZINC PAINT.—The undersigned, Agents for the Sale of White Oxide of Zinc, manufactured by the PENNSYLVANIA and LEHIGH ZINC COMPANY, are prepared to receive orders for the same, and would invite the attention of the trade to its gradual superiority over others of American manufacture, and the almost universal conviction, when the best of linseed oil can be had, with confidence demand it, as the paint combining most of the supply of this Paint, which will be found to recommend itself for purity, great body and uniform whiteness. Prices and terms arranged on the most liberal footing.

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FOR THE SOUTH.

FOR SAVANNAH AND FLORIDA.—United States Mail Line.—The new and splendid steamship ALABAMA, Geo. B. Sumner, Commander, will leave New-York for Savannah on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 30, from Pier No. 4 North River, at 3 o'clock P. M., precisely.

Bills of lading signed by the clerk on board. For freight apply on board, or to

SAMUEL L. MITCHILL, No. 13 Broadway.

Cabin passage to Savannah, $20.
For Florida, through tickets to Jacksonville, $21; Pilatka, $25.

Large and commodious steamboats leave Savannah for Florida three times a week, connecting with the steamers from New-York on Tuesday and Saturday.

The steamer FLORIDA, M. R. Woodward, Commander, will succeed the above and leave on SATURDAY, Jan. 26.

FOR EUROPE.

THE NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL UNITED STATES MAIL STEAMSHIPS.

CUNARD, Capt. Lott.
ARABIA, Capt. Ryrie.
ASIA, Capt. Leitch.
AFRICA, Capt. Stone.
EUROPA, Capt. Hewett.
CANADA, Capt. Leitch.
AMERICA, Capt. Shannon.
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New-York Daily Times

NEW-YORK, CITY.

☞ Give us a little more light in the Police Office, gentlemen! Give us a little more light in the Police Office, gentlemen! A few days ago, we had to complain that the information we brought on by chanting in the "Sunday tell-games Bill," to read the hymns. Open your windows, gentlemen, or we must take our candlesticks with us as we retire to dos.

☞ Through the arrival of the Arctic Mail, at this port Saturday last, we have a version of a rumor of a revolution in Turkey, and a visit to the vessel bale to furnish any particulars as to the report. Further interesting letters by her, note in them the absence of all political intelligence.

☞ It is said that the Queen would not see her uncle of Prussia, Miss Strange, upon her return from the Continent, and signified to her that if she persisted in her ideas of Slavery, the most resign her place. This Family has done so, and is no longer a member of the royal household.

☞ The friends of Capt. FULLANBEE, late of the St. Louis, have already raised $2,500 for his widow.

Work for the Poor.

J. Schumann, Esq., gave a lecture last evening at the Tabernacle, explanatory of a plan which has been in operation in this City for some time, namely, to work and bestow to the poor and unemployed, in exchange for food, clothing, etc., which they are willing to work and show (sic) which will be credited to give employment to thousands now destitute.

☞ Says Kingsley: "Did you ever remember, friends, that the Bible says hardly anything about poverty? That it never praises religious people? This is very serious. Would to God we could all remember it! The Bible speaks of a religion which does not of religion only twice, except when it speaks of the Jews' religion, to condemn it. It says what an empty, hard, useless thing it is. It says what does this faith, this creed, this church, this sermon, this Bible, this Sabbath, this Church, this Bible, this Sabbath, this Church, this Bible, this Sabbath, this Church